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5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

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10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.

15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

21. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to re-appointment.

22. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held at 1.30 P. M. on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at this session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1897.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1830	Wm. Herr,*	.....	1862	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.
1833	Adam Miller,	P.	"	Adna B. Leonard,	P.
1839	James L. Grover,*	.....	1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.
1840	Richard A. Arthur,	.....	"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,	P.	"	Wm. Runyan,	P.
1842	Asbury Lowrey,	.....	"	Absalom M. Griffith,	P.
1844	Wm. I. Fee,	P.	"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.
"	Richard S. Rust,	P.	"	Wm. T. McMullen,	.....
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	1866	John F. Hull,	.....
1847	Lorenzo D. McCabe,*	.....	"	David C. Vance,	P.
1848	Wm. J. Quarry,*	.....	"	James P. Porter,	P.
"	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.
1849	Samuel D. Clayton,	P.	"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.
1850	Michael Kauffman,	P.	"	John Pearson,	P.
"	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	"	Adam Bowers,	P.
"	W. H. Black,	.....	1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.
1851	John F. Loyd,	P.	"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.
"	Milton P. Zink,	.....	"	John W. Peters,	P.
1852	John F. Marlay,	P.	"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.
"	John W. Cassatt,	P.	1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.
"	Thomas Collett,	P.	"	Carey T. Crum,	P.
"	Silas Bennett,	P.	"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.
1853	Wm. Q. Shannon,	.....	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.
1854	Timothy Wones,	P.	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.
1856	John Vance,	P.	1871	Seren N. Marsh,	.....
1857	George M. Edgar,	P.	"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.
"	William N. Maxey,	.....	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
"	Evan P. James,	P.	"	James S. Whitney,	P.
1858	George H. Dart,	P.	"	Henry Miller,*	.....
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	"	David D. Cheney,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	1873	Lucien M. Davis,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	P.	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
"	Wm. B. Moler,	P.	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	"	Lafayette Young,	.....
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	Wm. M. West,	P.
"	John H. Middleton,	P.	1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	"	Samuel G. Pollard,	P.
"	John L. Gregg,	P.	1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	John H. Davis,	P.
1859	Fletcher W. Hypes,	.....	"	John A. Easton,	P.
"	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	John W. Gaddis,	P.
"	James P. Shultz,	P.	"	James F. McCollm,	P.
"	Charles H. Payne,	P.	"	Thomas Cundy,	P.
1860	John M. Walden,†	P.	"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.
"	John H. Lease,	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks,	.....	"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.
"	George W. Fee,	.....	"	George W. Dubois,	P.
"	Newton W. Darlington,	.....	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.
"	George K. Morris,	P.	"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.
1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.	"	Joseph I. Taggart,	.....
"	Isaac W. Joyce,†	.....	"	James S. Ruggles,	P.
1862	James Stephenson,	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.
"	Thomas J. Harris,	.....	1878	Frank Leever,	P.
"	Jonathan Verity,	.....	"	Charles W. Rishell,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1878	James W. Bashford,	P.	1891	James W. Magruder,	P.
1879	Henry C. Weakley,	P.	"	Paul C. Curnick,	P.
"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.	"	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	John A. White,	P.	"	Reuben S. McCollm,	P.
"	John A. Story,	P.	1892	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
1880	David A. McCollm,	P.	"	John P. Ninde,	P.
"	Charles L. Conger,	P.	"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	Jeremiah W. Hickman, . . . .	.....	"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	Charles W. Gullette, . . . .	.....	"	Geo. T. Perry,	P.
1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.	"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.	"	Frank C. English,	P.
"	Edward T. Lane,	P.	"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.	"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Edwin O. Buxton,	P.	"	Abraham L. Brokaw,	P.
"	Jonathan M. Meeker,* . . . .	.....	"	William H. Spybey,	P.
1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.	"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.
"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	P.	1893	John W. Lucas,†	P.
"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
"	Madison Swadener,	P.	"	George W. Vorhis,	P.
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	"	William H. Wehrley,	P.
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	"	William M. Coffinan,	P.
"	D. W. C. Washburn,	P.	"	Homer G. Curlless, . . . .	.....
"	Geo. S. Easton,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	James L. Glascock,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	John E. Beery,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	William T. Stafford,†	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	David Herr,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis,	P.
1887	John F. Laird,	P.	"	Joseph W. Patton,	P.
"	Wm. R. Dudley,† . . . .	.....	1895	Benjamin F. Oswald,	P.
"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.	"	Isaac R. Marshall,	P.
"	Frank E. Vance,	P.	"	Charles L. Mackey,	P.
"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost,	P.
1888	Alphens B. Austin,	P.	"	William M. Patton,	P.
"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk,	P.
"	James R. Colley,	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth,	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.	"	George H. Smith,	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.	"	Thos. S. Robjent,‡ . . . .	.....
"	Thomas D. Moore,	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman,	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth,	P.
"	Oren D. Becker,	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson,	P.
"	Calvin W. Elliott,	P.	"	Clifford L. Meyers,	P.
"	Charles Hartley, . . . .	.....	"	Charles C. Peale,	P.
"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.	"	Stephen B. Timmons,	P.
"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff,	P.
"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.	—	W. D. English,	P.
"	Henry Hershey,	P.	—	Patrick Carland, . . . .	.....
"	John H. McNary,	P.			

* Transferred to Newark Conference.

† Withdrawn under charges.

‡ Transferred to Des Moines Conference.

§ Transferred to Ohio Conference.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

Springfield, Ohio, September 7, 1897.

The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held September 1st to 7, 1897, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.

W. F. Mallahan

President.

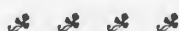
S. O. Royal

Secretary.

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FIRST DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, September 1, 1897.

THE Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its forty-sixth session, being called to order by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, in High Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Hymn No. 798,

"And are we yet alive?"

announced by J. F. Marlay, was heartily sung by the congregation. G. H. Dart read for a Scripture lesson the third chapter of Ephesians.

Thomas H. Pearne led in prayer. R. H. Rust announced Hymn No. 211,

"When I survey the wondrous cross."

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to 283 communicants by the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders.

After the singing of Hymn No. 1,

"O for a thousand tongues to sing!"

Bishop Mallalieu briefly addressed the Conference.

The Chronological Roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the unusually large number of 153 responded to their names.

The officers of the Conference were elected as follows: Stanley O. Royal, Secretary, who selected V. F. Brown, D. Lee Aultman, and M. E. Ketcham for his assistants. John H. McNary was elected Statistical Secretary, and announced as his assistants C. F. Enyart and J. R. Hill. C. W. Elliott was elected Treasurer, and named for his assistants O. M. Sellers and C. W. Horn.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order governing last year's session were adopted.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Rules of Order were amended by the addition of the following :

RULE 23. The presiding elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for admission on trial, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names of those who should be received on trial at this session. The decision of this Committee shall be made irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was read by the Secretary, and after a few changes they were adopted. (See page 6.)

George B. Shanor was appointed a Committee to represent the periodical, *The Gospel in All Lands*.

A Committee on Memoirs was constituted by the appointment of the following persons: H. D. Ketcham, George V. Morris, E. T. Lane, J. A. Story, S. D. Clayton, W. A. Robinson, George Vorhis, William Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, E. McHugh, Creighton Wones, J. F. Loyd, and John Pearson.

The Bishop delivered documents and communications sent in his care to various Committees.

Williams Bequest.—A letter from the Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern was read by the Secretary, concerning a bequest of the late Samuel Williams, for the benefit of the claimants of the Cincinnati Conference. The communication was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of John Pearson, William Runyan, and J. T. Bail. (For their Report see page 286.)

Ohio Masonic Home.—A communication from the superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home was read, inviting a visit to that institution. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and V. F. Brown was appointed a Committee to arrange for the same.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the hours for opening and closing were fixed at 8.30 and 11.45 A. M., the first half-hour to be given to devotional exercises.

The north side of the third window from the front was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Conference resolved to recognize the certificates of literary work in Ohio Wesleyan,

DePauw, Northwestern, and Boston Universities; and in Theological work, certificates from Drew Theological Seminary, Boston School of Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute, and DePauw School of Theology.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was presented by the Bishop, and addressed the Conference.

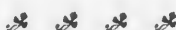
Dr. J. L. Hurlbut, Secretary of the Sunday-school Union and Tract Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of his work.

An afternoon session was ordered for receiving statistical and financial reports, two o'clock being designated as the hour; and C. H. Payne was appointed to preside.

The roll of Committees was called, and announcements were made.

C. H. Payne was appointed to conduct the opening exercises to-morrow morning.

After the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by R. S. Rust.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

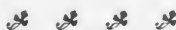
DR. PAYNE called the Conference to order, and A. N. Spahr conducted the devotions.

On motion of A. N. Spahr, the Conference decided to continue in session, after receiving statistical and financial reports, to hear the Missionary Sermon by William Runyan.

The roll of charges was then called by V. F. Brown, and the pastors present reported their statistics and benevolent moneys.

After the preaching of the Missionary Sermon, the Conference, by vote, invited Dr. Runyan to have it published.

The afternoon session was then adjourned.



SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 2, 1897.

AT half-past eight this morning, C. H. Payne opened the Conference with a reading from the Scripture and prayer. During the devotional exercises, Bishop Mallalieu made an address upon the subject of "A Minister's Personal Experience," at the

close of which the altar was surrounded with ministers seeking a reanointing of the Holy Spirit.

At 9.45 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion, the time for opening to-morrow morning was fixed at eight o'clock instead of half-past eight, and M. Swadener was appointed to conduct the devotions.

The roll of absentees was called, and seventeen additional members responded to their names.

The Statistical Secretary called a list of those charges whose reports were delinquent or deficient.

A communication from the Agents of the Book Concern was presented by the Bishop, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Constitutional Changes.—The Bishop presented a communication from the East Maine Conference proposing a change in the Restrictive Rules. On motion of C. H. Payne, it was made the order of the day for Saturday, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop delivered a draft for the sum of \$22, proceeds of the Chartered Fund, and one for \$1,332, Book Concern dividend, payable to the Board of Stewards for Conference claimants. The drafts were ordered.

A letter from the Book Committee with reference to the publishing interests of the Church and the support of the Bishops was read.

Dr. H. C. Jennings, one of the Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Brief addresses were made by Bishop Walden; by Dr. Doremus Hays, concerning Garrett Biblical Institute; by Dr. E. S. Gillette, concerning the American Bible Society, and by Dr. J. F. Berry, editor of the *Epworth Herald*.

A letter from Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, written in China, was read by the Secretary, and, on motion, the Secretary was directed to reply in behalf of the Conference.

The following visitors were introduced: J. C. Arbuckle, W. D. Cherrington, H. E. Wright, and A. H. Norcross, of the Ohio Conference; E. D. Whitlock, of the Central Ohio Conference; O. E. Wightman, of the Michigan Conference, and J. B. McNary, of the South Kansas Conference; J. K. Gibson and

J. A. P. McGaw, of the Presbyterian Church; A. C. McCabe, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, of Springfield; W. N. Brewster and wife, of Hing Hua, China; and Mother Stewart, of Springfield, Ohio.

M. B. Fuller was designated as Secretary for Railroad Certificates.

A communication from the Cincinnati Church Extension Society was presented, and parts relating to appointments were read and referred to the Bishop and Cabinet.

C. W. Elliott was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Has the Character of each Preacher been Examined?*”—was taken up. The name of R. H. Rust, presiding elder of the Cincinnati District, was called, his character passed, and he read his report.

E. T. Wells, presiding elder of the Dayton District, was called, his character passed, and he read the report of his district.

The Committee on Public Worship was, on motion, requested to arrange an hour for Bishop Walden's lecture on Africa.

On his own motion, George S. Easton was excused from the Auditing Committee, and T. D. Moore was substituted.

The Treasurer reported the names of charges whose reports were delinquent and defective.

W. H. Wehrley was appointed Assistant Secretary for gathering circuit salary reports.

Withdrawals.—T. H. Pearne presented the complete findings of the Committee of Investigation in the case of W. R. Dudley. On motion, he was permitted to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church under Question Nineteen of the Discipline.

On motion of R. H. Rust, the written request of W. T. Stafford for the privilege of withdrawing from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church was granted under Question Nineteen.

By motion, the Secretary was instructed to secure their parchments of ordination, and place them on file.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was given by Adam Miller.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 3, 1897.

THIS morning's session of the Conference was opened at eight o'clock, with Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. Madison Swadener conducted the devotional exercises.

An hour was spent in a consecration-meeting, the Bishop giving an address upon "Consecration as an Element of Success in the Ministry."

At nine o'clock the journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Bishop presented a draft for \$25 from the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, proceeds of the Chrisman-Clark Fund for the benefit of destitute superannuated preachers. The draft was ordered paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Stewards.

On motion, a collection for Conference expenses was taken, \$100 being needed for that purpose.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Board of Stewards was directed to inquire concerning the needs of Brother W. I. Fee.

George B. Shanor was appointed to attend to the subscriptions for the *Methodist Review*.

Hillsboro College.—The report of the Commission on Hillsboro College was read by T. H. Pearne, and, on motion of C. H. Payne, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. George H. Dart, presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, was called, his character passed, and he read his report.

On motion, the records of trial in the cases of W. R. Dudley and of W. T. Stafford were ordered placed on file among the papers of the Conference.

Lay Association.—F. G. Mitchell and George K. Morris were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Lay Association, and invite them to meet with this body at half-past ten this forenoon.

The following introductions were given: J. M. Avann, C. R. Havighorst, and F. L. Wharton, of the Central Ohio Conference; W. C. Dawson, of the North Ohio Conference; A. H. Lucas, of the Pittsburg Conference; and D. W. Clark, of the Kentucky Conference.

T. H. Pearne, presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, was called, his character passed, and he reported his district.

At the appointed hour the Lay Association entered, its members were given seats in the center of the room, and were introduced to the Conference. W. R. Warnock made an address on behalf of the Association, and Bishop Mallalieu, by request of the Conference, responded.

On motion of E. T. Wells, the request of J. T. Bail for a superannuated relation was granted, and the Board of Stewards was instructed to inquire as to his necessities.

The following paper, appreciative of the visit of the lay members, was presented and adopted:

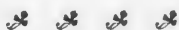
Resolved, That the visit to us of the Laymen's Convention of the Cincinnati Conference, and the address of its representative, Judge W. R. Warnock, and the address of response by Bishop Mallalieu, have given us great pleasure, and we hereby record our high appreciation of the devotion and co-operation of our lay members in the work of God.

D. J. STARR,

GEORGE K. MORRIS.

D. L. Aultman was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

The third days' session adjourned with the benediction by E. D. Whitlock.



FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 4, 1897.

THE session was opened at half past eight o'clock this morning, with Bishop Mallalieu in the chair.

D. L. Aultman led the devotional exercises, and the Bishop made an address on the subject of "Intercessory Prayer as an Element of Ministerial Success."

For twenty minutes the whole Conference engaged in a season of prayer for the families and the congregations represented.

At a quarter after nine the regular business of the day began with the reading and the approval of the journal.

Communications from the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Conference were read, accepted, and filed.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. J. F. Marlay, the presiding elder of the Springfield District, was called, his character passed, and he read the report of his district.

The names of all the effective elders in the Conference were called; they reported their collections, and the character of each passed.

W. G. Warner and J. R. Hunter were granted each a supernumerary relation, at their own request.

W. A. Spencer, the Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society was introduced, and made a short address to the Conference.

The Seventh Question—“*Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*”—was taken up, and the following names were called: Charles L. Chapman, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers, Rufus J. Wyckoff, Earl M. Ellsworth, and Stephen B. Timmons. They reported their collections, were favorably represented by the Board of Examiners, and, after a prayer by Adam Miller and an address by the Bishop, they answered the Disciplinary questions, and were admitted into full connection. The following, who had not yet been ordained, were elected to deacons' orders: Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, and Clifford L. Myers.

Samuel A. Stephan, by his own request, was continued on trial in Studies of the Second Year, and, on motion of George H. Dart, was ordered to be left without appointment, to attend one of our schools. H. C. Hutchinson was also continued on trial in Studies of the Second year.

The Tenth Question—“*What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*”—was taken up. Charles L. Mackey and Isaac R. Marshall were called, and reported their collections. Charles L. Mackey was represented by his examiners, and was elected to elder's orders. Isaac R. Marshall was represented by his examiners, and having been previously ordained elder, was passed in the Course of Study.

The Twelfth Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*”—was called. George B. Shanor was recommended by the Raper (Dayton) Quarterly Conference for local elder's orders, and he was elected.

The Eleventh Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*”—was taken up. Recommendations were presented as follows: Warren J. Dunham, from the Cleves Quarterly Conference; Charles L. Van Cleve, from the Troy Quarterly Conference; and William E. Verity, from the St. Paul's (Delaware) Quarterly Conference. They were severally represented by the examiners, and were elected to deacons' orders, as local preachers.

Examinations.—On motion of C. H. Payne, the Registrar of the Board of Examiners was directed to correspond with the several institutions from which Certificates of Examination come, requesting them to conform their markings to the percentage system contemplated in the Discipline.

The preliminary report of the Conference Stewards was read by M. LeSourd.

The Order of the Day, being a vote on the Constitutional Amendment, was postponed until Monday at ten o'clock.

On motion, a Committee was directed to consider the Lakeside Camp-meeting. The Committee selected was, Edward McHugh, John Pearson, G. S. Easton, James Stephenson, and V. F. Brown.

Announcements were made, and the benediction was given by Dr. Waugh, of India, and the fourth day's session adjourned.



FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 6, 1897.

THE Conference opened this morning at half-past eight o'clock, with Bishop Mallalieu in the chair. John Pearson led in the devotions.

The Bishop made an address of ten minutes on the subject of “Work as an Element of Ministerial Success.”

The journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

Dr. Leonard addressed the Conference concerning the debt of the Missionary Society, and received pledges from one hundred and eighteen of the preachers in charge to do their utmost to raise at once twenty dollars each, to be applied to paying off this great debt. Seven other persons pledged themselves individually for a like amount.

The following resolution was offered by T. H. Pearne, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we hereby express our approval of the plan presented by our Missionary Secretary, Dr. A. B. Leonard, for the payment of the debt upon the Missionary Society, and we pledge our hearty co-operation. In every pastoral charge, where it is practicable, we will raise the sum of twenty dollars or more, and in every charge something; and we will send our pledges to the Missionary Secretaries at the earliest possible date after the adjournment of this Conference.

On motion of D. J. Starr, it was decided to print in the Minutes next year reports of these collections.

Conference Trustee.—On motion of J. P. Porter, J. W. Mason was elected Conference Trustee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of William Herr.

On motion of S. D. Clayton, a collection was taken for the janitor of the church. The amount raised was twenty-three dollars and forty-two cents.

Constitutional Change.—On motion of C. H. Payne, the Order of the Day was taken up. The proposition from the East Maine Conference for a change in the Restrictive Rules was read as follows:

Amend Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Book of Discipline, by striking out the words "forty-five" and inserting the word "sixty," so that the section as amended shall read:

"The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every sixty; nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference: PROVIDED, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; AND PROVIDED, ALSO, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate."

After some debate, the previous question was ordered, on motion of J. S. Pumphrey. The vote on the Proposition was then taken. Several members of the Conference being absent when the vote was taken, were permitted to record their votes and deposit the same with the Secretary. The full result of the vote was:

FOR, thirty-eight. AGAINST, ninety-five.

C. H. Payne offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference is to-day, as it has been for years past, in favor of giving the laymen equal numerical representation with the ministry in the General Conference, and so declares itself whenever the question is presented on its own merits alone.

C. H. PAYNE,	C. T. CRUM,	GEORGE K. MORRIS,
J. F. MARLAY,	C. W. RISHELL,	JOHN PEARSON.
D. LEE AULTMAN.		

Dr. S. L. Beiler, vice-chancellor of the American University, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The following visitors were introduced: Prof. W. G. Williams, of the Central Ohio Conference; J. Wesley Hill, of the Central Ohio Conference; George H. Fullerton, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church; and Dr. Waugh, formerly missionary to India.

Mears Bequest.—John Pearson presented an abstract of the minutes of the trustees of the Mears Bequest, which was ordered printed in the Conference Minutes.

The Fifth Question—“*Who have been Continued on Trial?*”—was taken up. James A. Geissinger, Archie W. Hook, William L. Spence, Lewis E. Linzell, and Warren J. Dunham were called, their examinations were reported, and they were continued on trial in Studies of the Second Year. George B. Shanor and Wilbur N. Mason were continued on trial in the Studies of the Fourth Year. Wilbur N. Mason was ordered left without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

The Ninth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was taken up. Edward L. Hollingsworth and Harley E. Armacost were represented by the examiners, and were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Harley E. Armacost was left without appointment to attend school. Benjamin F. Oswald was reported by the Registrar of Standings, was passed in his examinations, but conditioned on Exegesis. Homer G. Curless was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year, and ordered left without appointment to attend school.

It was directed that Rufus J. Wyckoff and George H. Smith, though having completed the Conference Course of Study, be entered in Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Bishop presented the following for record:

ORDINATION CERTIFICATE.

This Certifies, That in Springfield, O., on Sunday, the 5th day of September, 1897, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as DEACONS: Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Meyers, Warren J. Dunham, Charles L. Van Cleve, and William E. Verity; and as ELDERS: Charles L. Mackey, and George B. Shanor.

Given under my hand in Springfield, O., on the 6th day of September, 1897.

W. F. Mallahan

Bishop.

C. W. Rishell, Ph. D., professor in Boston School of Theology, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning that institution and Drew Theological Seminary.

George K. Morris, D. D., of Boston School of Theology, also addressed the Conference in the same interests.

T. H. Pearne was added to the Committee on Memoirs, to furnish the memoir of James L. Grover for publication in the Minutes.

A. B. Leonard was appointed to preside at the afternoon session, beginning at half-past two o'clock. An evening session was ordered, and C. H. Payne was appointed to preside.

A. B. Austin reported the collection for Conference expenses as amounting to \$45.53. On motion, it was placed in the hands of the Conference Treasurer. It was ordered that the expense of the two trials be paid out of this money, and that a collection be taken before the close of the Conference for the remaining expenses.

On motion, it was directed that at the evening session the Temperance Committee be instructed to bring in their report; and they were allowed thirty minutes for addresses upon the subject in lieu of the Temperance Anniversary.

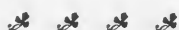
The following resolution was offered by C. H. Payne:

As our Brother, Rev. J. T. Bail, has been granted a superannuated relation, but is still able to do good work for the Master, in special evangel-

istic services, we cordially commend him to our brethren for this work, and we assure him of our sympathy and our prayers.

C. H. PAYNE, D. LEE AULTMAN, GEORGE K. MORRIS,
M. M. KUGLER, A. T. COWGILL, J. P. PORTER.

Announcements were made, and the benediction was given by W. I. Fee.



AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at half-past two, with A. B. Leonard, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair. The hymn beginning,

"How swift the torrent rolls!"

was sung, and M. Kauffman offered prayer. William Runyan read from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

Memorial Services.—The Order of the Day was taken up. Memoirs of the following deceased ministers were read: That of Lorenzo Dow McCabe, by J. A. Story; that of William Herr, by W. A. Robinson; that of W. J. Quarry, by E. T. Lane; that of Henry Miller, by Edward McHugh.

The memoir of James L. Grover is to be prepared by Thomas H. Pearne for publication in the Minutes.

Memoirs were read of the deceased wives of ministers as follows: That of Mrs. William Morrow, by Thomas Collett; of Mrs. W. I. Fee, by F. G. Mitchell; of Mrs. J. F. Chalfant, by G. W. Vorhis; of Mrs. W. H. Fyffe, by George V. Morris; of Mrs. J. H. McNary, by Heber D. Ketcham; of Mrs. J. L. Gregg, by J. F. Loyd; and that of Mrs. H. M. Curry, by C. W. Elliott. The reading of these Memoirs was interspersed by appropriate singing.

The Memoirs as read were adopted, with instructions to the Secretary to properly edit the same for the Minutes.

The following, offered by V. F. Brown, was, on motion, adopted:

As a token of our appreciation of services rendered, and in loving remembrance of their lives, it is hereby resolved that in future sessions of the Conference, when the roll-call of the first day's session shall have been completed, the Conference shall rise and remain standing while the Secretary calls the roll of departed members.

V. F. BROWN, A. B. LEONARD, S. D. CLAYTON,
S. O. ROYAL, D. LEE AULTMAN, J. P. PORTER.

The funds for Conference claimants were distributed by the Stewards. (See page 244.)

The following paper was offered by John Pearson, and was adopted:

Resolved, That next year, and thereafter, the distribution of amounts paid to Conference claimants shall be done privately, and the Stewards' Report shall be printed as heretofore in the Minutes.

JOHN PEARSON,	V. F. BROWN,	MERRICK E. KETCHAM,
J. J. MCCABE,	A. B. LEONARD,	WILLIAM RUNYAN.

On motion, the evening services were ordered to begin at 7.30 o'clock.

William Runyan pronounced the benediction.



EVENING SESSION.

At half-past seven o'clock Conference reassembled, C. H. Payne in the chair. George S. Easton led in prayer.

After a song by a double male quartet entitled, "Clear the Way," S. B. Smith moved that the Temperance Report be taken up, and the motion prevailed.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by R. E. Smith. Pending its adoption, addresses were delivered by M. B. Fuller and J. W. Bashford. The motion limiting the time for the temperance addresses was reconsidered, and the time was indefinitely extended. The report was then adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

A paper presented by A. B. Leonard concerning alleged remarks of Bishop Newman on the temperance question was laid on the table by a count vote of 64 to 30.

On motion of J. W. Bashford, the Secretary was directed to wire Bishop Newman, asking the truth concerning certain newspaper reports of his public utterances on the temperance question. The motion prevailed.

Labor Question—The following paper, presented by J. W. Magruder, was adopted by a rising vote:

Cincinnati Conference, in session on Labor Day, September 6, 1897, desires to take cognizance of the pending struggle of the coal-miners of Ohio and adjacent States for a living wage, and to indorse the demand of the miners, seconded by all the operators of Ohio, for a practical recognition of the New Testament doctrine that wages must govern contracts,

not contracts wages. We deplore the repeated failure of attempts at conciliation between miners and operators, and would hail an opportunity on the part of the Church to exercise its good offices in obtaining a settlement of differences. Failing in this last resort, we would call upon the lawmakers of State and Nation for such additional legislation as will provide for courts of arbitration to reduce to a minimum the number of strikes and lockouts.

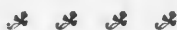
J. W. MAGRUDER, C. H. PAYNE,
J. W. BASHFORD, H. A. HENDERSON.

The following reports of Standing Committees were presented, read, and adopted: On the American Bible Society, by J. E. Abrams; on Church Extension, by J. F. McColm; on Epworth League, by George V. Morris; on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, by C. L. Chapman.

Williams Bequest.—The Special Committee appointed to consider the Samuel Williams bequest reported through John Pearson, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 286.)

R. K. Deem was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

The benediction was pronounced by J. W. Bashford.



SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 7, 1897.

At half-past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Mallalieu took the chair. The first half-hour was spent in prayer and testimony.

The journal of yesterday's sessions was read and approved.

The Thirtieth Question—"*Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*"—was called. Invitations from Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, and First Church, Xenia, were extended, and after they were represented, the majority favoring Xenia, that place was unanimously selected. A vote of appreciation and thanks was given to Walnut Hills for their kindness.

Rev. D. C. McColm, of the Dakota Conference, was introduced, and his three brothers, members of this Conference, were called forward, and the four brothers received the greetings of their brethren.

The Fourth Question—"*Who have been Received on Trial?*"—was called. Recommendations were presented as follows: How-

ard L. Torbet, from Grace Quarterly Conference of the Mansfield District of the Ohio Conference; Oliver P. Hoffman, from the Madison (N. J.) Quarterly Conference; and John L. Duckwall, from the Central (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

They were represented by their presiding elders, and by the Examining Committees, and were admitted on trial.

The examiners reported the grades of John L. Duckwall in the studies of the first two years' course, and he was passed to the Studies of the Third Year. He was also elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher, to be elsewhere ordained, after receiving Quarterly Conference recommendation.

Oliver P. Hoffman was also elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher, to be elsewhere ordained, after receiving Quarterly Conference recommendation.

Bishop Merrill.—A. B. Leonard brought greetings from Bishop Merrill to this Conference, and, on motion, the Secretary was directed to write him a letter expressive of our regards and kindest remembrances.

At this moment Bishop Mallalieu called C. H. Payne to the chair.

The following paper was offered by D. J. Starr, and was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Western Society for the Suppression of Vice has, up to the date of its last report, seized and destroyed over seven tons of immoral books, over twenty-seven thousand obscene pictures and photographs, and over fifteen hundred negatives for printing the same, and over two thousand articles for immoral uses; has secured the conviction of over four hundred criminals against virtue, who have been sentenced to imprisonment for terms aggregating over a hundred and three years, and fined in sums aggregating over \$65,000, which goes to educational purposes, thus protecting the morals and virtue of the youth of our land from exposure to the most dangerous forms of temptation, to the most destructive vices; and

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati branch of this useful Society is within the bounds of this Conference, and is under excellent Christian management; therefore,

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference rejoices in the good work that is being done by this organization, and commends it to the attention and support of all good people; and suggests that any information which may lead to the detection of criminals of this class be sent to Mr. E. W. Mullikin, Secretary of the Society, Cincinnati, Ohio.

D. J. STARR,

C. H. PAYNE,

A. B. LEONARD,

FRANK G. MITCHELL,

J. W. BASHFORD,

GEORGE K. MORRIS.

C. W. RISHELL,

1897

W. A. Wiant read the report of the Committee on Auditing Accounts, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 269.)

The report of the Committee on Deaconess Work was read by W. N. Mason, and that of the Conference Deaconess Board by M. M. Kugler, and they were both adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Heber D. Ketcham. Pending the adoption of the report, President Bashford, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and Dr. C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education, made brief addresses. Frank G. Mitchell also presented his report as Treasurer of the Conference Funds for the American University, and it was received for publication in the Minutes.

The officers and the visitors nominated in the report were approved. The report as a whole was then adopted. (See page 272.)

F. G. Mitchell submitted the report of the Conference Board of Examiners, and it was directed to be published in the Minutes. C. W. Rishell was added to the Board. (See page 283.)

The Standing Committees on New York Book Accounts, on Parsonages, on the State of the Church, and on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, were permitted to have their reports printed in the Minutes without reading. (See pages 269, 278, 279.)

The Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by Creighton Wones, and it was adopted. (See page 279.)

The following paper, presented by J. W. Bashford, was adopted, and Heber D. Ketcham was appointed the Committee provided for therein :

WHEREAS, The first preaching services under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church were established in the Northwest Territory in 1798; and

WHEREAS, The organization and services of our Church have continued uninterruptedly from that day to the present; and

WHEREAS, Arrangements should be made for a suitable commemoration of this important event in the history of our Church and State; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of One be appointed by the Cincinnati Conference to co-operate with a similar Committee to be appointed by each of the other Ohio Conferences, with power to arrange for the celebration of the Centennial of Ohio Methodism in 1898.

Resolved, That resolution be sent to each of the other Ohio Conferences, with the request that it appoint a similar Committee with power.

J. W. BASHFORD,

T. H. PEARNE,

C. H. PAYNE,

J. W. MAGRUDER.

1897

J. W. Bashford presented the following paper, proposing a constitutional change, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes, for consideration next year:

¶ 59. The General Conference shall allow the Annual and the Lay Electoral Conference connected therewith, one Ministerial and Lay representative, respectively, for every 16,000 members in full, in the Churches of said Conference: PROVIDED, that the Annual Conference shall be entitled to one representative for the first 8,000 members, and the Lay Electoral Conference to one representative for the second 8,000 members, and so on in order, until the membership of the Churches is represented; and PROVIDED, that if the Churches of any Annual Conference possess a fraction of two-thirds of 8,000 members, the Annual or the Lay Electoral Conference, following the order stated above, shall be entitled to one additional representative for said fraction; and PROVIDED, FURTHER, that if the Churches of any Annual Conference have less than 8,000 members, nevertheless, it shall be entitled to one ministerial representative.

¶ 60. The Ministerial Delegates shall be chosen by ballot at the last Annual Conference preceding the session of the General Conference. Only those members of the Annual Conference shall be eligible as Ministerial Delegates, who have received appointments at least four full calendar years from the time that they were received on trial by the Annual Conference, and are in full connection at the time of holding the Conference.

J. W. BASHFORD,
J. A. STORY,

S. O. ROYAL,
G. W. DUBOIS.

The Publishing Committee asked the privilege of printing their report without reading, and also asked the appointment of John Pearson as an additional member of the Committee. Both requests were granted. (See Report, page 289.)

The Twenty-second Question—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. Their names were called as follows: W. Q. Shannon, W. B. Moler, W. H. Black, Jonathan Verity, Sylvester Weeks, Adam Bowers, Charles Hartley, and C. J. Wells. There being nothing against them, they were continued in their present relation.

The Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up. The names of the following were called, and there being nothing against them, they were continued in the same relation: L. F. Young, F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Michael Kauffman, Silas Bennett, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, A. Lowrey, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, Timothy Wones, W. H. Sutherland,

G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, S. W. Carey, Thomas J. Harris, J. W. Hickman.

S. B. Smith was granted a superannuate relation.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the request of J. P. Shultz for a superannuated relation was granted.

E. T. Wells moved that the Bishop be requested to transfer Patrick Carland, a superannuated preacher of the North Indiana Conference, to this Conference. A written pledge was given, and placed on file with the papers of the Conference, that he would never make a claim upon the funds of this Conference, and the motion was carried.

The Standing Committees on Sunday-schools and on Tracts presented their reports, and they were ordered printed without reading. (See pages 281, 282.)

The Committee on Nominating Standing Committees for next year presented their report, which was ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 7.)

On motion of E. T. Wells, Henry C. Hutchinson was elected to deacon's orders under the Missionary Rule, and he was continued on trial.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the President of the Cincinnati Conference Historical Society, the Secretaries were directed to publish in the Minutes, "Reminiscences of Asbury and McKendree."

The report of the Committee on Lakeside was read by George S. Easton, but was not adopted.

The abstract of the Minutes of the Conference Trustees was presented by J. P. Porter, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes.

A collection for Conference expenses was taken, amounting to \$32, and it was ordered placed in the hands of the Treasurer for disbursement.

By vote, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. L. Glascock, S. D. Clayton, W. I. Fee, and Madison Swadener Conference evangelists.

The Bishop was also requested to appoint Thomas Collett Financial Agent of the Preachers' Relief Society, and R. E. Smith, District Superintendent of the Anti-saloon Society.

The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Elliott, presented his report, and it was ordered printed. (See page 246.)

The Secretary of Statistics, J. H. McNary, also presented his report, and it was ordered published. (See page 247.)

On motion of C. L. Conger, it was directed that the Sunday-school Statistics be printed only in recapitulation. (See page 250.)

The Treasurer was directed to pay to the Publishing Committee the fractional sums in his hands.

The appointments of the Bishop for Conference Boards, Triers of Appeals, and Preacher of the Missionary Sermon, etc., were read, and, by request of the Bishop, were approved by a Conference vote. (See pages 4, 5.)

The names of the District Missionary Secretaries and of the Boards of Church Location were read and confirmed. (See page 4.)

Conference Trustees.—On motion of J. W. Mason, the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There exists in the minds of some members of the Conference some doubt as to the relation which the Trustees sustain to the Conference,—

Resolved, That a Committee of Three, consisting of J. P. Porter, John Pearson, and H. C. Weakley, be appointed to investigate and report to the ensuing Conference.

Semi-Centennial.—F. G. Mitchell offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our brethren, Michael Kauffman, James T. Bail, and S. D. Clayton were admitted on trial by the Ohio Conference in the year 1848, we request them to preach semi-centennial sermons at our next year's session.

FRANK G. MITCHELL,	W. A. ROBINSON,	J. P. PORTER,
J. W. PETERS,	L. M. DAVIS,	V. F. BROWN.
M. M. KUGLER,		

Request to Bishops.—F. G. Mitchell also offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we respectfully request the Board of Bishops to consider the possibility of so arranging their work that the Bishop who may preside at our session hereafter, shall not be expected to open any other Conference session earlier than Thursday of our second week.

2. That our Secretary shall inform the Secretary of the Board of Bishops of our action.

J. F. MARLAY,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,	R. H. RUST,
E. O. BUXTON,	THOS. H. PEARNE,	G. H. DART,
E. T. WELLS,	J. W. MAGRUDER,	S. D. CLAYTON.

The Secretary was appointed a Committee to endeavor to secure special rates on the railroads for next year's session.

The Twenty-seventh Question—“*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*”—was called. The Stewards answered, \$11,-180.83.

The Twenty-eighth Question—“*What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*”—was called, and the Stewards replied: \$7,152.91. (For distribution, see page 244.)

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report, and it was read by H. W. Bailey, and was adopted by a standing vote. (See page 278.)

On motion, the Minutes of the present session were approved.

The First Question—“*Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*”—was called, and the transfer of A. K. Stabler, an effective elder from the Colorado Conference, and that of W. D. English, a deacon in the Studies of the Fourth Year, from the Des Moines Conference, were announced.

The Fourteenth Question—“*Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?*”—was taken up. The transfer of J. W. Lucas to the Des Moines Conference was announced.

Fast Day.—J. F. Marlay offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That the last Friday of this month be observed as a day of fasting or abstinence and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Conference.

All business having been transacted, it was agreed that, after the reading of the appointments by the Bishop, the Forty-sixth Session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference stand adjourned.

The hymn, “A charge to keep I have,” was sung, S. D. Clayton led in prayer, and Bishop Mallalieu read the appointments for the ensuing year; and, after a benediction, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31st.

- 8.00 P. M.—Lecture, James C. Ambrose. Subject: "The Fool in Politics."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.

- 3.00 P. M.—Missionary Sermon, Rev. William Runyan.
 8.00 P. M.—Address on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D.
 —Address on Sunday-school Union and Tract Society, Rev. Jesse L. Hurlbut, D. D.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d.

- 3.00 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. A. H. Norcross, D. D., London, Ohio.
 7.30 P. M.—Educational Anniversary: Addresses by Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., and Judge Charles Evans, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3d.

- 2.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. C. C. Lasby, D. D., Indianapolis, Indiana.
 3.30 P. M.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Anniversary: Addresses by Rev. R. T. Stevenson, Delaware, Ohio; Miss Li Bi Cu, Hing Hua, China (interpreted by Mrs. W. N. Brewster), and Mrs. Mary S. Badley, India.
 7.30 P. M.—Anniversary of Missionary Society: Addresses by Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., and Rev. W. N. Brewster, Hing Hua, China.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th.

- 2.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. J. Wesley Hill, D. D., Fostoria, Ohio.
 3.30 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Anniversary: Addresses by Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. James Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 7.00 P. M.—Lecture, "Africa," Bishop J. M. Walden, D. D., LL. D.
 8.30 P. M.—Anniversary of Church Extension Society, Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th.

- 9.00 A. M.—Conference Love-feast, led by Rev. S. D. Clayton.
 10.30 A. M.—Sermon, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., LL. D., followed by the Ordination of Deacons.
 3.00 P. M.—Ordination of Elders. Sermon, Rev. Chas. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D.
 7.30 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Spencer, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.

- 2.30 P. M.—Memorial Service.
 7.30 P. M.—Temperance Anniversary. Addresses by Rev. M. B. Fuller and Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

A. K. Stabler, from the Colorado Conference; W. D. English, a deacon in the studies of the fourth year, from the Des Moines Conference; Patrick Carland, from the North Indiana Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR—Howard L. Torbet, Oliver P. Hoffman.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—John L. Duckwall.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR—None.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR—S. A. Stephan, H. C. Hutchinson, J. A. Geissinger, A. W. Hook, W. L. Spence, L. E. Linzell, W. J. Dunham.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR—George B. Shanor, W. N. Mason.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR—Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY—Charles L. Chapman, Rufus J. Wyckoff, Stephen B. Timmons.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR—Earl M. Ellsworth, Charles C. Peale, James A. Jenkinson, Clifford L. Myers, Stephen B. Timmons, Charles L. Chapman.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY—H. E. Armacost.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

R. J. Wyckoff, Geo. H. Smith, Homer G. Curless, E. L. Hollingsworth, W. D. English, B. F. Oswald.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR—Charles L. Mackey.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY—Isaac R. Marshall.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS—Wm. E. Verity, Charles L. Van Cleve, Warren J. Dunham, John L. Duckwall,* Oliver P. Huffman.*

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE—Henry C. Hutchinson.*

* Elected, but not ordained.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS—George B. Shanor.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly attended to, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Jonathan M. Meeker, to Newark Conference; John W. Lucas, to the Des Moines Conference; Thos. S. Robjent, to the Ohio Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

William Herr, James L. Grover, William J. Quarry, Henry Miller, Lorenzo D. McCabe.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

W. R. Dudley, W. T. Stafford.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. Q. Shannon, W. H. Black, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Hartley, W. G. Warner, W. B. Moler, Jonathan Verity, Adam Bowers, C. J. Wells, J. R. Hunter.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

L. F. Young, F. W. Hypes, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Michael Kauffman, Silas Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, Timothy Wones, W. H. Sutherland, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, S. W. Carey, Thomas J. Harris, S. W. Edmiston, E. P. James, J. G. Black, J. W. Hickman, A. Lowrey, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, J. P. Shultz, Patrick Carland.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Wm. Runyan, M. M. Kugler, J. W. Mason, Edmund Burdsall, V. F. Brown, D. J. Starr, C. M. Van Pelt.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 51,052; increase, 429. Probationers, 2,638; decrease, 534.
(See Report, pages 247-264.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$27,163.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$11,180.83.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$7,152.91. (For distribution, see pages 244, 245.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments. page 38.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

First Church, Xenia, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two names, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon. 5. Names of undergraduates in *Italics*.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder, 4.
P. O., Avondale, Cincinnati, O.
2. Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,
L. E. Linzell, 2.
3. Branch Hill, . . W. M. West, 1.
4. Carthage, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 5.

CINCINNATI:

5. Asbury, . Edward McHugh, 2.
6. Avondale, . . E. O. Buxton, 4.
7. Camp Washington, C. T.
Crum, 1.
8. Christie, . . . J. R. Colley, 2.
9. Clifton, . . . C. E. Schenk, 3.
10. Columbia, . . W. A. Deaton, 3.
11. Cumminsville, William
Runyan, 1.
12. Delta Ave., . . D. J. Starr, 2.
- 12a. East Pearl Street, [George M.
Hammell], 1.
13. Fairmount, . . S. G. Pollard, 3.
14. Finley, . . . *J. A. Geissinger*, 2.
15. Linwood, . . . *C. L. Myers*, 3.
16. McKendree, . . B. D. Hypes, 2.
17. Mt. Auburn, . *R. J. Wyckoff*, 2.
18. Mt. Lookout, . J. W. Gaddis, 3.
19. Price Hill, . . A. C. Turrell, 5.
20. Riverside, . . To be Supplied.
21. St. John, D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
22. St. Paul, . . . P. C. Curnick, 1.
23. Trinity, . . . C. W. Gullette, 4.
24. Walnut Hills, G. W. Dubois, 2.
25. Wesley Chapel, Gervaise
Roughton, 1.
26. York Street, . W. H. Spybey, 1.
27. Cleves, *W. J. Dunham*, 3.
28. Delhi, . . . H. A. M. Henderson, 2.
29. Groesbeck, . . F. C. English, 1.
30. Hartwell, . . . W. H. Wehrley, 2.

31. Harrison, . . Henry Hershey, 1.
32. Lockland-Wyoming (Wyoming),
C. W. Barnes, 4.
33. Loveland, . . . E. S. Gaddis, 2.
34. Madisonville, . J. L. Shively, 1.
35. Miami, *S. B. Timmons*, 4.
36. Newtown, L. M. Davis, 1.

NORWOOD:

37. First Church, W. L. Y. Davis, 3.
38. Grace Church,—
M. E. Ketcham, 4.
39. Venice (Ross), . . O. D. Becker, 1.
40. Westwood, . . . M. M. Kugler, 4.
41. Winton Place, . . A. B. Austin, 3.

42. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, 10; member of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

43. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, 10; member of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

44. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, 9; member of Walnut Hills (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

45. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding Secretary of the Deaconess Home Association, 9; member of Mt. Auburn (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

46. George K. Morris, Professor Practical Theology in the Boston School of Theology of the Boston University, 4; member of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

47. W. K. Brown, Professor Twin Valley College, 3; member of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

48. M. Swadener, Conference Evangelist, 6; member of Trinity (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

49. R. E. Smith, District Superintendent Anti-Saloon League, 2; member of Wesley (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

50. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder, 6.
P. O., Dayton, O

51. Bethany, J. A. Easton, 1.

52. Camden, G. L. Travis, 3.

53. Centerville, . . . Philip Trout, 2.

54. Concord, (Union) O. P. Hoffman, 1.

DAYTON:

55. Broadway, . . F. M. Clemans, 5.

56. Grace, . . . W. A. Robinson, 5.

57. Homestead Avenue and Riverdale, . . . G. W. Vorhis, 1.

58. Raper, L. E. Prentiss, 5.

59. St. Paul, . . . John Pearson, 2.

60. Trinity, J. P. Ninde, 4.

61. Eaton, . . . Creighton Wones, 1.

62. Fairhaven, . . I. R. Marshall, 2.

63. Fort Jefferson, . D. A. McColm, 1.

64. Franklin, . . . G. V. Morris, 1.

65. Germantown, . . H. L. Torbet, 1.

66. Glendale and Pt. Union, W. M. Coffman, 2.

67. Gordon, . . . W. D. English, 1.

68. Hamilton, . . . J. W. Peters, 4.

69. Lewisburg, . . . J. W. Patton, 1.

70. Miamisburg, . J. S. Pumphrey, 4.

71. Middletown, . D. L. Aultman, 1.

72. Monroe, . . . C. H. Haines, 1.

73. New Paris, . . [M. F. Hawley], 4.

74. Osborn, W. M. Patton, 3.

75. Oxford, J. P. Porter, 2.

76. Red Lion, . . . G. L. Tufts, 1.

77. Seven Mile, . . J. H. Lease, 2.

78. Springboro, . J. McK. Shultz, 2.

79. Walker and Union (Reiley),
G. H. Smith, 1.

80. West Alexandria, C. L. Chapman, 3.

81. West Carrollton, A. K. Stabler, 1.

82. West Chester, J. A. Jenkinson, 1.

83. West Elkton, Thomas Cundy, 1.

84. T. Collett, Financial Secretary, Preachers' Relief Society, 10; member of Middletown Quarterly Conference.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

85. G. H. DART, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Milford, O.

86. Aberdeen, . . . C. W. Horn, 2.

87. Amelia, A. L. Brokaw, 1.

88. Batavia, H. W. Bailey, 1.

89. Bethel, A. G. Newton, 2.

90. Butlerville (Edenton), [W. R. Buckles], 1.

91. Centenary (Mulberry), G. B. Shanor, 1.

92. Chilo, [U. S. Brown], 1.

93. Decatur, . . . T. G. Williams, 2.

94. Dunkinsville, . To be supplied.

95. Feesburg, . . . J. H. Davis, 2.

96. Felicity, E. T. Lane, 2.

97. Georgetown, . . C. F. Enyart, 2.

98. Goslien, G. S. Easton, 3.

99. Laurel, C. H. Kalbfus, 3.

100. Lebanon, Edmund Burdsall, 2.

101. Lebanon Cir't, [W. E. Shiver], 1.

102. Maineville, . . J. S. Whitney, 3.

103. Manchester, . . T. D. Moore, 4.

104. Marathon, . . . W. S. Gray, 1.

105. Mason, W. A. Wiant, 1.

106. Milford, J. W. Mason, 3.

107. Montgomery, [J. M. Roberts], 1.

108. Moscow, J. D. Darling, 3.

109. Mt. Washington, C. L. Mackey, 2.

110. New Richmond, . W. J. Baker, 3.

111. Owensville, . . . I. E. Price, 1.

112. Peebles, A. W. Hook, 1.

113. Ripley, J. E. Abrams, 5.

114. Summerside, W. E. Spurrier, 2.

115. West Union, . . . J. E. Beery, 1.

116. Williamsburg, . G. M. Fulton, 5.

117. Williamsburg Circuit, [Fee Naylor], 1.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

118. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 4.
P. O., Hillsboro, O.

119. Belfast (Bell), . . David Herr, 1.

120. Blanchester, . . A. Hamilton, 3.

121. Bowersville, . . . *C. C. Peale*, 2.
 122. Clarksville, . . . *L. O. Deputy*, 2.
 123. Greenfield, . . . *F. G. Mitchell*, 1.
 124. Highland, . . . *J. E. H. Sentman*, 3.
 125. Hillsboro, . . . *Marion LeSourd*, 1.
 126. Hillsboro Circuit, [*E. L. Knox*], 1.
 127. Jamestown, *James Stephenson*, 2.
 128. Leesburg, . . . *H. C. Middleton*, 2.
 129. Lynchburg, . . . *G. T. Perry*, 1.
 130. Martinsville, . . . *J. S. Ruggles*, 2.
 131. Morrow, *D. D. Cheney*, 2.
 132. Mt. Orab, *E. L. Hollingsworth*, 1.
 133. New Burlington, *U. G. Humphrey*, 2.
 134. New Jasper, . . . *C. W. Briggs*, 1.
 135. New Vienna, . . . *John Wilson*, 1.
 136. Rainsboro, . . . *W. P. Jackson*, 2.
 137. Sabina, *G. P. Austin*, 2.
 138. Sinking Spring, *J. L. Duckwall*, 1.
 139. South Lebanon, *J. A. Winkler*, 1.
 140. Sugar Tree Ridge, *B. F. Oswald*, 1.
 141. Union (Spring Valley), *J. A. White*, 1.
 142. Waynesville, . . . *A. T. Cowgill*, 4.
 143. Wilmington, . . . *A. N. Spahr*, 3.
 144. Winchester, . . . *J. F. McColm*, 2.
- XENIA:
145. First Church, *J. J. McCabe*, 5.
 146. Trinity, . . . *C. M. Van Pelt*, 4.
- SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.
147. *J. F. MARLAY*, Pres. Elder, 6.
 P. O., Springfield, O.
148. Arcanum, . . . *J. H. McNary*, 1.
 149. Brandt, . . . [*C. F. B. Runyan*], 2.
 150. Catawba, . . . *S. W. Campbell*, 2.
 151. Cedarville, . . . *A. D. Maddox*, 1.
 152. Christiansburg, *W. L. Spence*, 2.
 153. Covington, . . . *T. P. Walter*, 1.
 154. Dalton, *R. S. McColm*, 1.
155. Greenville, . . . *C. L. Conger*, 3.
 156. King's Creek, . . . [*F. Ziegler*], 2.
 157. Mechanicsburg, *E. H. Cherington*, 2.
 158. Mutual, *J. L. Dalbey*, 1.
 159. New Carlisle, . . . *C. W. Elliott*, 2.
 160. New Moorefield, *J. F. Laird*, 1.
- PIQUA:
161. Grace, *F. E. Vance*, 1.
 162. Greene St., *H. D. Ketcham*, 1.
 163. South Charleston, *D. C. Vance*, 2.
 164. South Charleston Circuit, *D. S. Ewry*, 2.
- SPRINGFIELD:
165. Central, *V. F. Brown*, 3.
 166. Clifton, *C. D. Munsey*, 1.
 167. Grace, . . . *E. M. Ellsworth*, 2.
 168. High Street, . . . *J. A. Story*, 3.
 169. St. Paul, . . . *J. W. Magruder*, 1.
 170. Tippecanoe, *J. R. Hill*, 4.
 171. Tremont (Westville), *Frank Leever*, 1.
 172. Troy, *S. O. Royal*, 3.
 173. Troy Circuit, . . . *O. M. Sellers*, 2.
- URBANA:
174. First Church, *M. B. Fuller*, 2.
 175. Grace, *J. G. Vaughan*, 5.
 176. Yellow Springs, *R. K. Deem*, 3.
 177. *A. B. Leonard*, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 9; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
 178. *C. W. Rishell*, Professor in Boston School of Theology, 3; member of Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
 179. *W. N. Mason, H. E. Armacost, Homer G. Curless, S. A. Stephan*, and *H. C. Hutchinson*; left without appointments, to attend school.
 180. *J. L. Glascock, S. D. Clayton*, and *Wm. I. Fee*, Conference evangelists.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. Q. Shannon,	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Moler,	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Black,	Washington, D. C.
A. Bowers,	Greene St., Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
J. Verity,	San Diego, Cal.
Sylvester Weeks,	Eustis, Fla.; Winton Place Quarterly Conference.
Charles Hartley,	Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.
Charles J. Wells,	Norfolk, Va.
W. G. Warner,	Oxford Quarterly Conference.
J. R. Hunter,	Lebanon Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

R. A. Arthur,	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. N. Maxey,	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart,	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. Darlington,	West Union Quarterly Conference.
M. Kauffman,	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
Adam Miller,	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference.
A. M. Griffith,	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh,	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Hull,	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. Fidler,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black,	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck,	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink,	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
Timothy Wones,	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee,	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
John L. Gregg,	Manhattan, Kan., Quarterly Conference.
John Vance,	New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Thomas J. Harris,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
John W. Cassatt,	Greenville Quarterly Conference.
Silas Bennett,	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
F. W. Hypes,	Centenary Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Middleton,	Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd,	Delaware, O.
S. W. Edmiston,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
E. P. James,	Delaware, O., Williams St. Quarterly Conference.
W. H. Sutherland,	Wyoming, O.
J. W. Hickman,	Pursley, W. Va.
L. F. Young,	Georgetown Quarterly Conference.
Asbury Lowrey,	Greene Street, Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
J. T. Bail,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith,	44 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.
J. P. Shultz,	New Carlisle.
Patrick Carland,	Dayton, Broadway Quarterly Conference.

III.

Directory.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop.	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	Evanston, Ill.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837	1872	Roxbury, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856	1884	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
* WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana.....	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	San Francisco, Cal.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
* JAMES MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1855	1888	Bombay, India.
CHARLES C. MCCABE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860	1896	Fort Worth, Tex.
EARL CRANSTON.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
* JOSEPH C. HARTZELL.....	..... 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Africa.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—1. Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise stated.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
8	Abrams, J. E.,	113	Ripley.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
3	<i>Armacost, H. E.,</i>	179	Delaware.
25	Aultman, D. L.,	71	Middletown.
11	Austin, A. B.,	41	Winton Place.
14	Austin, G. P.,	137	Sabina.
49	Bail, J. T.,	Sa.	Norwood, Cin'ti, O.
22	Bailey, H. W.,	88	Batavia.
23	Baker, W. J.,	110	New Richmond.
16	Barnes, C. W.,	32	Wyoming.
22	Bashford, J. W.,	44	Delaware.
9	Becker, O. D.,	39	Ross.
6	Beery, J. E.,	115	West Union.
36	Bennett, S.,	Sa.	Bellefontaine.
37	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
29	Black, W. H.,	Sn.	Washington, D. C.
29	Bowers, A.,	Sn.	Piqua.
10	Briggs, C. W.,	134	New Jasper.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAMR.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
5	Brokaw, A. L.,	87	Amelia.
18	Brown, V. F.,	165	Springfield.
41	Brown, W. K.,	47	Germantown.
28	Burdsall, E.,	100	Lebanon.
16	Buxton, E. O.,	6	Avondale.
11	Campbell, S. W.,	150	Catawba.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
...	Carland, Patrick,	Sa.	Dayton.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
2	<i>Chapman, C. L.</i> ,	80	West Alexandria.
27	Cheney, D. D.,	131	Morrow.
15	Cherington, E. H.,	157	Mechanicsburg.
46	Clayton, S. D.,	180	Dayton.
31	Clemans, F. M.,	55	Dayton.
7	Coffman, W. M.,	66	Glendale.
47	Collett, T.,	84	Middletown.
11	Colley, J. R.,	8	Wesley Av., Cin.
19	Conger, C. L.,	155	Greenville.
12	Cowgill, A. T.,	142	Waynesville.
30	Crum, C. T.,	7	Cincinnati.
23	Cundy, T.,	83	West Elkton.
4	<i>Curless, H. G.</i> ,	179	Boston, Mass.
8	Curnick, P. C.,	22	Cincinnati.
14	Dalbey, J. L.,	158	Mutual.
6	Darling, J. D.,	108	Moscow.
27	Darlington, N. W.,	Sa.	West Union.
41	Dart, G. H.,	85	Milford.
23	Davis, J. H.,	95	Feesburg.
26	Davis, L. M.,	36	Newtown.
6	Davis, Wilbur L. Y.,	37	Norwood.
6	Deaton, W. A.,	10	Cincinnati.
34	Deem, R. K.,	176	Yellow Springs.
17	Deputy, L. O.,	122	Clarksville.
22	Dubois, G. W.,	24	Walnut Hills, Cin.
...	<i>Duckwall, J. L.</i> ,	138	Sinking Spring.
1	<i>Dunham, W. J.</i> ,	27	Cleves.
17	Easton, G. S.,	98	Goshen.
23	Easton, J. A.,	51	Bethany.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Winchester.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Winchester.
9	Elliott, C. W.,	159	New Carlisle.
2	<i>Ellsworth, E. M.</i> ,	167	Springfield.
4	English, F. C.,	29	Groesbeck.
3	<i>English, W. D.</i> ,	67	Gordon.
6	Enyart, C. F.,	97	Georgetown.
6	EWRY, D. S.,	164	South Charleston
28	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
53	Fee, W. I.,	180	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
7	Fuller, M. B.,	174	Urbana.
13	Fulton, G. M.,	116	Williamsburg.
23	Gaddis, J. W.,	18	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
8	Gaddis, E. S.,	33	Loveland.
1	<i>Geissinger, J. A.</i> ,	14	Cincinnati.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
10	Glascock, J. L.,	180	Mt. Lookout, Cin.
7	Gray, W. S.,	104	Marathon.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.
20	Gullette, C. W.,	23	Cincinnati.
17	Haines, C. H.,	72	Monroe.
30	Hamilton, A.,	120	Blanchester.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Norwood.
7	Hartley, C. J.,	Sn.	Williamsburg.
39	Henderson, H. A. M.,	28	Delhi.
6	Herr, D.,	119	Bell.
9	Hershey, H.,	31	Harrison.
13	Hickman, J. W.,	Sa.	Williamsburg.
7	Hill, J. R.,	170	Tippecanoe City.
...	Hoffman, O. P.,	54	Union.
3	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	132	Mount Orab.
1	Hook, A. W.,	112	Peebles.
6	Horn, C. W.,	86	Aberdeen.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
7	Humphrey, U. G.,	133	New Burlington.
29	Hunter, J. R.,	Sn.	Lebanon.
3	Hutchinson, H. C.,	179	At School.
18	Hypes, B. D.,	16	Cincinnati.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
32	Jackson, W. P.,	136	Rainsboro.
38	James, E. P.,	Sa.	Delaware.
2	Jenkinson, J. A.,	82	West Chester.
26	Kalbfus, C. H.,	99	Laurel.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
13	Ketcham, H. D.,	162	Piqua.
15	Ketcham, M. E.,	38	Norwood, Cincinnati.
17	Kirgan, F. M.,	4	Carthage.
20	Kugler, M. M.,	40	Westwood.
12	Laird, J. F.,	160	New Moorefield.
18	Lane, E. T.,	96	Felicity.
39	Lease, J. H.,	77	Seven Mile.
21	Leever, F.,	171	Westville.
37	Leonard, A. B.,	177	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
16	LeSourd, M.,	125	Hillsboro.
1	Linzell, L. E.,	2	Bond Hill.
48	Lowrey, A.,	Sa.	Germantown, Phil., Pa.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
5	Mackey, C. L.,	109	Mt. Washington.
8	Magruder, J. W.,	169	Springfield.
21	Maddox, A. D.,	151	Cedarville.
47	Marlay, J. F.,	147	Springfield.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
6	Marshall, I. R.,	62	Fair Haven.
41	Mason, John W.,	106	Milford.
3	Mason, W. N.,	179	Boston, Mass.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell's.
15	McCabe, J. J.,	145	Xenia.
19	McColm, D. A.,	63	Ft. Jefferson.

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23	McColm, J. F.,	144	Winchester.
8	McColm, R. S.,	154	Dialton.
41	McHugh, E.,	5	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
7	McNary, J. H.,	148	Arcanum.
34	Middleton, H. C.,	128	Leesburg.
36	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
30	Mitchell, F. G.,	123	Greenfield.
9	Moore, T. D.,	103	Manchester.
37	Morris, G. K.,	46	Malden, Mass.
7	Morris, G. V.,	64	Franklin.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
18	Munsey, C. D.,	166	Springfield.
2	Myers, C. L.,	15	Linwood.
10	Newton, A. G.,	89	Bethel.
8	Ninde, J. P.,	60	Dayton.
6	Oswald, B. F.,	140	Sugar Tree Ridge.
4	Patton, J. W.,	69	Lewisburg.
6	Patton, W. M.,	74	Osborn.
40	Payne, C. H.,	43	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
2	Peale, C. C.,	121	Bowersville.
54	Pearne, T. H.,	118	Hillsboro.
32	Pearson, Jno.,	59	Dayton.
7	Perry, G. T.,	129	Lynchburg.
31	Peters, J. W.,	68	Hamilton.
22	Pollard, S. G.,	13	Fairmount, Cincinnati.
33	Porter, J. P.,	75	Oxford.
21	Prentiss, L. E.,	58	Dayton.
8	Price, I. E.,	111	Owensville.
24	Pumphrey, J. S.,	70	Miamisburg.
19	Rishell, C. W.,	178	Newton, Mass.
26	Robinson, W. A.,	56	Dayton.
20	Royal, S. O.,	172	Troy.
7	Roughton, G.,	25	Cincinnati.
18	Ruggles, J. S.,	130	Martinsville.
34	Runyan, Wm.,	11	Station A, Cincinnati.
28	Rust, R. H.,	1	Cincinnati.
55	Rust, R. S.,	42	Cincinnati.
6	Schenk, C. E.,	9	Clifton, Cincinnati.
10	Sellers, O. M.,	173	Troy.
22	Sentman, J. E. H.,	124	Highland.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
2	Shanor, G. B.,	91	Mulberry.
13	Shively, J. L.,	34	Madisonville.
37	Shultz, J. McK.,	78	Springboro.
40	Shultz, J. P.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
31	Smith, R. E.,	49	Cincinnati.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sa.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
5	Smith, G. H.,	79	Reilly.
42	Spahr, A. N.,	143	Wilmington.
1	Spence, W. L.,	152	Christiansburg.
8	Spurrier, W. E.,	114	Summerside.
6	Spybey, Wm. H.,	26	Cincinnati.

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4	Stabler, A. K.,	81	W. Carrollton.
38	Starr, David Judson,	12	Cincinnati.
1	<i>Stephan, S. A.</i> ,	179	At School.
37	Stephenson, J.,	127	Jamestown.
20	Story, J. A.,	168	Springfield.
55	Sutherland, W. H.,	Sa.	Wyoming.
17	Swadener, M.,	48	Logansport, Ind.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
3	<i>Timmons, S. B.</i> ,	35	Price Hill, Cincinnati.
...	<i>Torbet, H. L.</i> ,	65	Germantown.
30	Travis, G. L.,	52	Camden.
8	Trout, P.,	53	Centerville.
13	Tufts, G. L.,	76	Red Lion.
7	Turrell, A. C.,	19	Cincinnati.
33	Vance, D. C.,	163	South Charleston.
12	Vance, F. E.,	161	Piqua.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
8	Van Pelt, C. M.,	146	Xenia.
15	Vaughan, J. G.,	175	Urbana.
30	Verity, J.,	Sn.	San Diego, Cal.
6	Vorhis, G. W.,	57	Dayton.
10	Walter, T. P.,	153	Covington.
12	Warner, W. G.,	Sn.	Oxford.
9	Washburn, D. W. C.,	21	Cincinnati.
20	Weakley, H. C.,	45	Cincinnati.
37	Weeks, Sylvester,	Sn.	Florida.
7	Wehrley, W. H.,	30	Hartwell.
25	Wells, C. J.,	Sn.	Norfolk, Va.
30	Wells, E. T.,	50	Dayton.
26	West, W. M.,	3	Branch Hill.
20	White, J. A.,	141	Spring Valley.
27	Whitney, J. S.,	102	Maineville.
6	Wiant, W. A.,	105	Mason.
9	Williams, T. G.,	93	Decatur.
27	Wilson, J.,	135	New Vienna.
7	Winkler, J. A.,	139	South Lebanon.
15	Wones, Creighton,	61	Eaton.
8	Wones, Timothy,	Sa.	Springfield.
2	<i>Wyckoff, R. J.</i> ,	17	Mt. Auburn, Cin.
23	Young, L. F.,	Sa.	Georgetown.
40	Zink, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

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MINISTERS MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuated,	36
Supernumerary,	10
Effective,	163
Total,	209

PROBATIONERS—

Second Year,	9
First Year,	3— 12
Total,	221

LOCAL PREACHERS,	121
WIDOWS,	56

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Jackson, W. L., Dayton.
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Jones, T. S., Dayton.
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Burdsall, Josiah, Belfast.
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Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
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Keith, M. M., Bentonville.
Lewis, Wm., Amelia.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
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Moore, J. F., Felicity.
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Naylor, Fee, Moscow.
Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.
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Hill, John, Westboro.
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IV.

Reports.

A.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder.

IN submitting this report, I ask attention to a brief survey of as many of the charges as time will permit, and to a few suggestions that have forced themselves upon my mind in the prosecution of the work.

There are 40 charges and 56 societies on the Cincinnati District, consisting of 4 circuits, 3 half-stations, and 33 stations. The membership, according to the statistics of last year, are 8,989 members, and 1,023 probationers, making a total of 10,012. In the Sunday-schools there are 63 superintendents, 1,236 officers and teachers, and 8,840 scholars. Leagues, 49; members, 2,650. Juniors, 32; members, 1,370.

Avondale is one of our strongest suburban Churches, and is in a rapidly-growing part of the city. Its membership is increasing by letter and from probationers, and, in point of wealth, location, and possibilities for the future, it is one of our most promising Churches.

The problem is to preserve the spirituality and aggressiveness of the Church under its present conditions. Dr. E. O. Buxton has displayed tact and skill in organization, and has been faithful in pastoral work. The results of the year are substantial, and the Church has been fortunate in this period of its history in having a pastor so thoroughly adapted to its needs, and so careful in looking after all its interests.

Cleves and Addyston enjoyed last year a remarkable revival, and the great work of this year was to see that these young converts should be trained and nurtured, so as to become strong and mature Christians. Class-meetings were organized, and special efforts made for the care of these young converts. A large number of them have become faithful and consistent members of the Church.

Dr. Howard Henderson's year at Delhi has been an event of great interest in that Church. The Doctor's ability as a preacher is duly recognized, and he holds a prominent place among the clergy of this vicinity as a minister of commanding power and eloquence. His severe affliction and bereavement, borne with a quiet Christian heroism, have touched all hearts. The Cincinnati Conference appreciates and highly esteems Howard Henderson.

Harmony and good-will prevail in Delta Avenue Church, and the pastor's efforts are crowned with a good measure of success. The Sabbath-school attendance and instruction have been the best for years. The Walden Epworth League has improved in all its branches of work. The boys of the Junior League have been organized and uniformed as Epworth Cadets. The congregations have been good, and the social meetings inspiring.

A fund has been started to refurbish and reseat the Sunday-school room, and the name of the Church has been officially changed from Pendleton to Delta Avenue Church. Dr. D. J. Starr is pastor.

Mt. Auburn has made a fine record under the pastorate of W. J. Wyckoff. The congregation has been largely increased, and a deep religious impression produced. He has been successful in awakening interest among the young people, and in gathering many of them into the congregation and Church. He is an attractive preacher, an effective worker, and an enthusiastic pastor.

Christie began the year under many discouragements. The difficulties that face Protestantism in our down-town Churches were felt by this old historic Church. Within the last few years some of its most spiritual and wealthy laymen have died, others have removed to the suburbs, and a subsidy of five hundred dollars for the current expenses had lapsed the year before. Rev. J. R. Colley was appointed pastor at the last Conference. He has proved himself to be the man for this Church, and the work of the year has been of unusual success. With enthusiasm, energy, and industry, he has imparted courage to the members, and God has blessed his labors.

Clifton, one of the most attractive suburbs of the city, has a beautiful church edifice. It has recently been incorporated into the city, and many fine residences are being built here. This Church, maintained by the generous liberality of a few loyal members, furnishes a home and place of worship for Methodists moving into this locality, who otherwise might be lost to the Church of their choice, in which they were led to Christ and consecrated to Christian work. Rev. C. E. Schenk is an earnest and popular preacher, and is drawing good congregations.

At Columbia the audience and Sunday-school rooms have been frescoed and made attractive. There has been an encouraging increase in membership, and the Epworth League, Sunday-school, class and prayer meetings are in excellent condition. The pastor has been tireless in service, and his labors have been crowned with abundant success.

E. S. Gaddis, assisted by his devoted sister, has had a year of financial and spiritual prosperity. Courage has been awakened in the minds of the people, and they seriously contemplate the erection of a church edifice at an early day. A new house of worship in a better location is a necessity for the success of Methodism in Loveland.

Rev. Creighton Wones has completed a very successful pastorate of five years at Cumminsville. He found the membership in a rented hall, and leaves them worshipping in a fine stone church costing about \$35,000. He is entitled to great credit for the earnest part he took in bringing the church edifice to its completion. The heavy debt has been reduced, and the outlook is encouraging. Cumminsville, in a few years, will be one of the influential appointments on the district.

The church at Fairmount has been remodeled at an expenditure of about \$3,000, so that it is substantially new. The pastor, S. G. Pollard, deserves great credit for the skill and persistency he has shown in carrying forward this enterprise to completion. The congregations are good, and the Sunday-school is large. Provision has been made for the debt, so that it can be carried, and Fairmount has now, what it has needed for years, a comfortable and commodious church home.

At one of our oldest charges, Groesbeck, the changes that have taken place are very marked. German Lutherans and Catholics have purchased the farms that were once owned by faithful Methodists. Electric-cars come within a short distance of these Churches, and bring large numbers of people from the city, and the Sabbath, that was formerly observed as a day of worship, is now a day of recreation and dissipation. The members of these Churches are bearing up bravely under these circumstances, with the Rev. Henry Hershey as their pastor.

The Church at McKendree is in excellent condition. The pastor,



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B. D. Hypes, has had a year of marked success. He has proved himself to be equal to the demands of this large and important work. His preaching is evangelical and earnest, and he gives careful attention to his pastoral duties. He is following in the footsteps of his sainted father, and may God grant that his spirit may ever abide in the soul of his son!

Rev. D. L. Aultman has completed his full term of service in Madisonville. He has made an excellent record, and leaves this charge with the confidence and affection of the people. He is a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and possesses rare ability in conducting social meetings.

He was superintendent of the Epworth Heights Camp-meeting this year, and under his efficient management it was one of the best held on this ground for many years.

Riverside has been the place that has suffered most of any of the charges. Some of the members were thrown out of employment, and the rest were able to work only on part time and reduced wages. Realizing these facts, Rev. G. Roughton went gladly to these suffering people, and with an uncertain and meager support has succeeded in paying off a floating debt that threatened the very life of the Church. Riverside has been real missionary ground, and the missionary spirit has burned brightly in the heart of this devoted pastor in his sacrifices for these people, whose confidence and affection are about the only salary he has received during the past year.

Dr. Meeker was transferred to the Newark Conference during the year, and W. H. Spybey took the place for the balance of his term.

St. Paul has a very valuable church edifice and parsonage, and a good congregation of attentive hearers. It has suffered of late in the loss of many excellent members by death and removals.

It will enter upon the new year under improved conditions, with the determination to regain its former standing in usefulness and power.

York Street is centrally located, and has a well-defined field. It is in one of the resident portions of the West End, and has always maintained a good position and been a center of spiritual power. The population in that vicinity is not so inaccessible as in other parts of the city. The German Lutherans and Catholics are not quite so numerous, and there is here a chance for faithful aggressive work. The church building has been put in fine condition, and the members are more hopeful and determined to do their part in the evangelization of the unsaved.

Rev. G. L. Tufts has been the indefatigable pastor, and his labors have been ceaseless during the year.

Trinity Church has had great prosperity under the pastorate of Dr. C. W. Gullette. His congregations the past year have been the largest of any year during his term of service. He has taken front rank as a preacher in our city, and is an able, evangelical, and magnetic speaker. One of our largest and best-conducted Epworth Leagues is in this Church. All its departments, spiritual, intellectual, and social, receive careful attention.

Trinity has one of the finest chorus choirs in Cincinnati, which is an invaluable help in the divine worship. The audience-room has been beautifully frescoed, and the Official Board has requested the pastor to reopen it the first Sunday after Conference.

The numerous friends of Dr. Gullette are gratified at his recovery from a serious illness. The prayers and sympathies of his brethren in the ministry have been with him in the trying ordeal through which he has passed, and rejoice that he is again permitted to resume his work at Trinity.

The new church edifice at Westwood has been finished, and was dedicated by Bishop Foss with most impressive services. It is one of the most elegant and complete churches, in all its appointments, in the Conference. The style is English Gothic; it is built of Indiana limestone, costing \$50,000, and is entirely free from debt.



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Dr. Mecker was transferred to the Newark Conference during the year, and W. H. Spybey took the place for the balance of his term.

St. Paul has a very valuable church edifice and parsonage, and a good congregation of attentive hearers. It has suffered of late in the loss of many excellent members by death and removals.

It will enter upon the new year under improved conditions, with the determination to regain its former standing in usefulness and power.

York Street is centrally located, and has a well-defined field. It is in one of the resident portions of the West End, and has always maintained a good position and been a center of spiritual power. The population in that vicinity is not so inaccessible as in other parts of the city. The German Lutherans and Catholics are not quite so numerous, and there is here a chance for faithful aggressive work. The church building has been put in fine condition, and the members are more hopeful and determined to do their part in the evangelization of the unsaved.

Rev. G. L. Tufts has been the indefatigable pastor, and his labors have been ceaseless during the year.

Trinity Church has had great prosperity under the pastorate of Dr. C. W. Gullette. His congregations the past year have been the largest of any year during his term of service. He has taken front rank as a preacher in our city, and is an able, evangelical, and magnetic speaker. One of our largest and best-conducted Epworth Leagues is in this Church. All its departments, spiritual, intellectual, and social, receive careful attention.

Trinity has one of the finest chorus choirs in Cincinnati, which is an invaluable help in the divine worship. The audience-room has been beautifully frescoed, and the Official Board has requested the pastor to reopen it the first Sunday after Conference.

The numerous friends of Dr. Gullette are gratified at his recovery from a serious illness. The prayers and sympathies of his brethren in the ministry have been with him in the trying ordeal through which he has passed, and rejoice that he is again permitted to resume his work at Trinity.

The new church edifice at Westwood has been finished, and was dedicated by Bishop Foss with most impressive services. It is one of the most elegant and complete churches, in all its appointments, in the Conference. The style is English Gothic; it is built of Indiana limestone, costing \$50,000, and is entirely free from debt.

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and a new organ secured during the past year. The *spiritual* condition of the charge was never better, and the congregations are large and growing.

Wayne Avenue, Lockland-Wyoming, has had a most pleasant year. The benvolences will sustain the usual high standard of this generous Church. The organization is very thorough, and has all our varied interests well in hand. The relation of the pastor and charge is that of mutual affection, etc. Dr. C. W. Barnes has been the efficient and popular pastor.

Hartwell Charge is one of the most pleasant of its grade, and has had a year of spiritual profit. It is thoroughly well-organized in every department of work. The Sunday-school is wide awake, enthusiastic, and liberal. The Epworth League is a model one,—well attended, spiritual, and sociable. Accessions, both on probation and by letter, have given evidence of steady, healthful growth. The work is of a character that requires hand-to-hand work. The pastor is Rev. W. H. Wehrley, whose return is unanimously requested.

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This eminent officer of our Church resides on my district. He is absent a great portion of the time in discharge of official duty. He takes a deep interest in everything that pertains to the prosperity of the Church and the elevation of the people, and when in the city is often seen in social religious meetings and in our pulpits, those of the smaller Churches as well as those of the larger ones. He proves himself to be an able expounder of the doctrines and polity of the Church. His example and life are inspiring, and he stands high as a Christian philanthropist and bishop in the estimation of all the Churches and benevolent associations of our city.

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These institutions are devoting their energies to their legitimate work of looking after and assisting the poor, visiting the sick, comforting the afflicted, and furnishing the best medical and surgical aid for all classes of patients. They have done more and better work the past year than ever before, and maintained their high reputation in all the patronizing territory.

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Management of Glenn Home has solicited for the mission the supervision of the pastor and a missionary connection with St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church. The work is gaining in influence, and is without debt.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The great event in Cincinnati Methodism worthy of special mention is the payment of the Society's indebtedness of about eleven thousand dollars. This, under present circumstances, is a remarkable achievement, and reflects great credit upon the ability of its superintendent, Rev. M. Swadener, the efficiency of its officers, and the liberality of its friends. This shows the appreciation of the people for its work in aiding feeble Churches, paying embarrassing debts, and gathering into their missions the poor and neglected classes. This work must be continued, and liberal contributions provided for its support.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

As the *Western Christian Advocate* is published within the borders of my district, it may not be out of place to state that it has reached a standard of excellence scarcely ever attained in any former period of its history. It holds a front rank among the numerous *Advocates* of our Church, edited and sustained with great ability and enthusiasm.

We regret that the *Western's* list of subscribers is not much larger in this locality, and urge our preachers to secure for it a generous welcome by all our members.

In the retrospection of the work on my district during the past year, there is much that calls for grateful acknowledgment. On almost every charge sinners have been converted, believers sanctified, and the work of the Church in its various departments strengthened.

The financial pressure which has prevailed all over the country has been felt severely in this locality. It has embarrassed our membership, reduced the amount of our benevolent collections, prevented contemplated improvements in Church property, and exerted a depressing influence upon all our interests.

The most faithful efforts have been made by the pastors to meet their apportionments, and many of them have made personal and earnest appeals to their members. The needs of these causes have been presented, and the effort made to secure intelligent and systematic giving.

An era of business prosperity, to all human appearances, approaches; in fact, we have already entered upon it, and feel its inspiring influence. Our ministers must be alert, and see to it that, with the return of business prosperity, there should be an enthusiastic return to our specific work of saving souls and building up the Church of God.

Gratitude for past mercies and promised blessings urge every preacher and layman of the Conference to greater sacrifice and more heroic service.

What can be done to arouse the enthusiasm of our people, vitalize their energies, and gird them with spiritual power? We must hold on to our old time faith and method of work, so successfully used by the Fathers, introducing only such modifications as God's Word clearly authorizes, the discoveries of science require, and the needs of our common humanity demand.

May I offer a few suggestions in the line of securing greater prosperity?

First. An increased interest must be awakened in behalf of the class-meeting. It has always been a most efficient arm of service in our Church. In it many have been led to Christ, trained in Christian doctrines, strengthened for the conflicts of life, and prepared for a blissful immortality. It is a good place in which to lay a firm foundation upon

which a noble Christian character may be erected. The class-meeting, or something like it, must be retained, or a deep eclipse of our ancient glory will follow.

Second. The weekly prayer-meeting must be more vigorously sustained. Its attendance must be greatly increased. Its exercises must be made more attractive and effective. A larger number should take part in its exercises. It is a source of power and prosperity to the Church and congregation.

Third. Our children and young people should be gathered into the Sunday-school, and trained in the Holy Scriptures and the doctrines of the Church. It is a preparatory school for service of a higher grade. There needs to be a general quickening of this interest all along the line.

Fourth. The gospel must be preached in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and with power, and its truths illustrated by living witnesses. Preaching is God's favored method of saving souls.

Fifth. There should be hearty co-operation with the Epworth Leagues. The ministry can aid them in obtaining intellectual culture and moral power, and the Leagues can render most valuable assistance to the preachers in the various departments of Christian work. Union with this organization, ratified by the Great Head of the Church, and sustained by their united faith and effort, will insure success.

Sixth. The Church of Christ is heaven's chosen instrumentality for the world's redemption, and she should participate in all counsels and plans for its accomplishment.

These forces, thoroughly organized, wisely and efficiently handled, with the promised aid of the Holy Spirit, will speedily bring times of refreshing to our needy Churches, and enable them to meet the great responsibilities and duties of the present age.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

REV. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

As we come to the duty of reporting the district for another year, we desire to express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father that none of our preachers in charge have fallen under Death's mighty hand. No congregation has mourned the death of a pastor.

While the effective ranks have not been broken, death has entered the superannuated ranks, and taken from us the senior member of the Conference, the Rev. William Herr, D. D.

Dr. Herr passed to his home in glory from his residence in Dayton, Sunday, March 28, 1897, at the age of ninety-one years. Seventy-eight years a resident of Ohio, seventy years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, sixty-nine years an itinerant minister in the Ohio and Cincinnati Conferences, he was contemporary with, and the last of a line of, men who were giants in their day; such as Trimble, Ames, and Schon, who were converted at the same meeting with Dr. Herr.

Death has entered the homes of some of our brother pastors.

Doctor and Sister Runyan were called to mourn the departure of their loved daughter, Clara, who passed peacefully to her home in heaven, October 17, 1896.

In the late fall Rev. J. A. McNary, Monroe, suffered the loss of his faithful and loved wife.

Near the close of the winter, Mrs. Chalfant, widow of the Rev. James Chalfant, D. D., died in her home near Glendale. With the death of Mrs. Chalfant there falls to the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati

nati Conference, as bequeathed by Dr. Chalfant, nearly the whole of a large estate, amounting to many thousand dollars.

The death angel also visited the home of Rev. A. K. Stabler, supplying the Walker and Union work, and bore away the infant child of the household. In all these bereavements the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ has been a strong support. Painful affliction has come to the home of our dear Brother Collett during the year, in the serious illness of his wife.

Rev. J. McKendree Shultz and wife have had a year of watching by the side of their precious daughter Grace, who is having a long and tedious battle for life in the parsonage at Springboro. The membership are kind and sympathetic with the family in their affliction.

Rev. H. C. Hutchinson filled the charge at West Chester and Tylersville during eleven months of the year. Through all these months he had the care of an invalid wife, who most of the time was confined to her room and bed. A month before this session of the Conference, on the advice of her physician, they sold their household goods, and took their departure to New Mexico, in the hope of saving her life. At last accounts the wife was improving in health, and hopeful of entire restoration.

At the beginning of the year, Rev. C. H. Haines, Franklin, Ohio, entered upon his fourth year in that charge with uncertain health. During the year he was compelled to seek treatment at Christ Hospital, where he was very materially benefited. But recovery of strength was found to be impossible without rest from labor, and his work was entirely given up for some months, and his time spent in the West and at the seashore in search of the great treasure of health.

The year has been the most difficult, financially, of all the years that the writer has been superintending the district. The scarcity of money, lack of employment, low price of farm products, all conspired to make all the financial work of the Church very difficult. This, coupled with much negligence and indifference on the part of official brethren in looking after the collecting of these dues in many instances, has made the year one of peculiar hardship and burden.

The deplorable condition has turned out to be the "darkest hour just before day." The dawn of a better time appears. With the coming of the harvest, good and abundant, the selling of the golden grain for the longed-for dollar a bushel, with the inflow of gold from the East for our grain, and the inflow of gold from the West out of the Alaskan mountains, we have a Klondike of wealth on each side of us pouring in its riches. The clouds which were over us with their silver lining have given way to a golden glow all around the horizon, that presages the rising of the sun of prosperity, that shall not soon set again in night.

The wailing and lamentations of hard times are past, and we shall wind up the century with jubilees of rejoicing.

We trust the Church will speedily adjust herself to the changed condition, and come forward with her hands filled with thank-offerings that shall wipe out every debt, missionary and otherwise, on every Church and Society in the bounds of our Methodism. We trust that we may swell the ranks of the great tenth legion, that the tithes may be in the storehouse, and the windows of heaven opened, and the blessing that there shall not be room to receive poured out upon the people. Then every apportionment would be met, every salary paid, every application for aid granted, an increased force of laborers would be put in the field, the cry of retrenchment would no longer be heard. We should soon find that the interests of the Church were to be promoted by putting money into the work, rather than taking it out by what might be thought a worldly-wise economy.

The work of the Epworth League on the district is very gratifying. We hear only words of praise and encouragement for the League. The reports of the Leagues show great activity and prosperity. The work of

the Mercy and Help Department among the poor and sick makes a profound and fruitful impression. In many places the Leagues help the stewards in their work of supporting the ministry. In some instances the League raises the rent for the house the preacher occupies, and in other ways the League is practically helpful in the Church work.

The Department of Spiritual Work is the most regarded of all the departments, and the devotional meetings are constant and well attended. Flourishing Leagues are the rule, and languishing Leagues the exception. The District League Convention, held at Middletown in the fall, was of great interest and profit. In the spring the subdistrict or group-meetings are held in some four different places. These are held in high esteem, and prove to be among the most interesting and helpful of any of the League meetings. We have 43 Leagues, and 2,872 members.

On the 24th and 25th of May we held a District Ministerial Association at Miamisburg, Rev. J. S. Pumphrey pastor. Miamisburg is an ideal place for district gatherings. It has the ability to entertain, and is in easy access, by its railroads and traction road, to all parts of the district. It has had its full share of ministerial, missionary, and Sunday-school meetings.

The Ministerial Association was one long to be remembered for its able papers, its prompt response to assignments, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in its proceedings. Time will not permit here a full setting forth of the merits of said meeting.

Taking up the district a little more in detail, we will notice some special features of the work as it appertains to the pastors and Churches.

At Bethany, Rev. H. W. Bailey, Ph. D., pastor, completes three years of acceptable service. The Missionary Society receives a bequest from Vincent Wiley of \$200, and another good brother gives a subscription of \$100. Dr. Bailey has diligently pursued a course of study for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and during the past summer has presented his thesis and received the honor.

Rev. G. L. Travis has done faithful work at Camden and Somerville in the midst of many discouragements and the loss of financial strength by the removal of members.

Centerville, under the pastoral care of Rev. P. Trout, has had a very prosperous year. Revivals have occurred at every point on the work. Seventy-one probationers have been received. At Centerville the parsonage has been greatly improved by the addition of a handsome veranda, and the church has been made comfortable by the addition of hot-air furnaces.

Rev. G. H. Smith completes three years on the Concord work. The past year has been distinguished by the building of a parsonage at Ebenezer. This is a house of seven rooms, standing on the same lot with the church, and will cost with the stable, all complete, about twelve hundred dollars. It occupies an eligible site overlooking the valley of the Stillwater. The pastor's study is a veritable inspiration point for outlook, and reminds one of the place where Moses stood and viewed the landscape o'er. The pastor who shall occupy this fine new parsonage will be delighted with his view.

Methodism in Dayton may be said to be in a prosperous state. The Churches are all well manned, well satisfied, and in a harmonious condition. The youngest of the Methodist family of Churches in this city is Homestead Avenue and Riverdale. Rev. A. W. Hook pastor. There have been 33 accessions during the year, good Sunday-schools, and seventy-five Epworth League members. Homestead, financially the weaker of the two, has met its part of the ministerial support, and taken out of its audience-room the old benches, and reseatd it with comfortable chairs.

Riverdale worships in a commodious hall, but owns two eligible lots, paid for, which are to-day worth \$1,000 more than they cost. They

have also on hand towards a building a small though growing sum. In a short time, with favorable conditions, they will have their own church and preacher, and be one of the most delightful appointments of the Conference.

Next in age of Dayton's Churches is Trinity. This Church and parsonage are on Valley Street, in North Dayton—a very fine and imposing property as it looms up from the deep-graded, paved street below. Rev. J. P. Ninde is in charge here for his third year. This Church is burdened with debt, and has had a hard time contending with adversity's waves for the past four years. She has kept afloat and the machinery moving. The past year the sister Churches have helped her, and will continue so to do, to the amount, when done, of about six hundred dollars. We hope and pray that before another year rolls around the debt may be paid.

St. Paul Church is next older than Trinity. Dr. John Pearson has just completed his first year in this important charge. St. Paul has a large membership, a large Sunday-school, and a large field of families around it. It is in a residence portion of the city. The Church has been greatly delighted with their pastor and his work in the pulpit and in the homes. There have been about 100 conversions and 89 accessions to the Church. Dr. Pearson is a preacher and teacher of the gospel, a thorough disciplinarian, and an all-round Methodist.

Our next child of Methodism in Dayton is Broadway Church, in West Dayton. This is emphatically a Church of the people. Numerous hearty, harmonious, growing, large congregations, large Sunday-school, and Epworth League. Rev. F. M. Clemans, Ph. D., is the pastor, ending his fourth year in the charge. He reports more than 1,000 visits, 80 accessions on probation and by letter. Broadway has been, and still is, blessed with a number of preachers in its membership. Revs. Slusser, S. D. Ricketts, Harrison, and Carland, all worship here, and have all been in the traveling connection. Rev. Harrison now superintends the Sunday-school. Rev. Carland is a superannuated member of an Indiana Conference, an ex-army man, and blind. Though blind, he is a fountain of light and blessing to the Church, and kindles the fire of holy love in the hearts of those around him. These ministers are all helpful and useful to the Church.

Raper is the next to the oldest of the churches in Dayton, and has most surprising vigor and recuperative power. Like the ocean, she is always full. Rev. L. E. Prentiss is the pastor, completing his fourth year. The pastor reports more than 1,200 visits, 115 accessions, an Epworth League of 245 members, average attendance 264. In one very interesting part of pastoral work Dr. Prentiss carries the banner, in having married 29 couples. It may be the banner number of the Conference; if not, let the competitor now speak, or forever hereafter hold his peace. The benevolent collections of this year will exceed the contributions of last year. Total money raised, \$5,466.

There is connected with Raper Church the Epworth Mission Sunday-school, with an enrollment of 104 officers and teachers, and an average attendance of 80. This school has already begun to gather a fund for building a chapel, and looks forward to the time when a Church shall be organized in that part of the city. The success of this school has surpassed the most sanguine expectations.

The oldest and original society of Methodism in Dayton is what is now Grace Church, formerly known as Wesley Chapel. This Church holds the center, and will always be strong from its very commanding location. Its strength has been greatly increased by accessions by letter and on probation during the past year. Total number of accessions, 160. The prayer-meeting has been well attended, and has increased in interest and power. Rev. W. A. Robinson has very faithfully presided over this Church for the past four years. The year just past has been perhaps the

best year of the four. The Epworth League numbers 107 members, while the Junior comes forward with 70 members.

In a bee-line west of Dayton twenty-four miles lies Eaton, the county seat of Preble County. Here Brother Shively for five years has had charge of our Church. Every interest of the Church has prospered under his administration. He closes his term with the love and respect of all classes. Every year has witnessed an ingathering, rising at one time beyond a hundred. The accessions for the past year have been 35.

Franklin, Rev. C. H. Haines pastor, reports 37 accessions, with a vigorous Epworth League of 103 members.

Middletown, Dr. Runyan pastor, has been fruitful in 65 accessions. They have an Epworth League of 208 members. One thousand pastoral visits have been made, and increased benevolent collections taken. Dr. Runyan has done a good work in his charge.

We have in the district two men on the effective list who are not in charge; viz., Revs. Thomas Collett and S. D. Clayton. Rev. Thomas Collett is Financial Secretary of the Preachers' Relief Society, and manages its large and growing fund. Rev. S. D. Clayton is Conference evangelist, and has done this past year some of the most fruitful work of his life in our leading Churches in Ohio and Indiana. In the early part of the Conference year Brother Clayton took a journey across the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast, and to the remote northwest as far as Vancouver's Island, where he did credit to the Conference in preaching the gospel.

The Church at Fair Haven, Rev. I. R. Marshall pastor, has been in the decorator's hands, and has been made much more attractive and inviting than heretofore.

Fort Jefferson Circuit, of four points, situated in Darke County, under the pastoral care of Rev. O. D. Becker, has had special prosperity at two points, New Madison and Jaysville. New Madison was favored with a gracious revival during the winter. There were 54 conversions and reclamations. Thirty-six united with the Church, more than doubling the membership. To those best acquainted with this field, a revival was thought to be an impossibility.

At Hollansburg on this work, the church has undergone improvement. The walls have been decorated, wood-work grained, and platform furnished with new pulpit and elegant chairs. The membership of the circuit has made an increase this year of 51, last year 25, making a total in two years of 76.

Germantown, under the auspices of the Salvation Army working in the Church, had a large number of conversions, and reported 35 accessions.

Glendale and Sharonville have had a fair degree of prosperity. Fifteen accessions, twenty-five subscribers to the Western Christian Advocate—an increase of fifteen over last year—and benevolences in advance of last year. Rev. G. W. Vorhis, pastor.

The work at Gordon, Rev. J. W. Lucas pastor, has grown this year by the addition of a new charge at Pittsburg, a village on the I. B. & W. R. R., east of Arcanum. We came into possession of a Church property costing \$1,200 for less than half that amount. A society was organized, Sunday-school started, preaching established, first quarterly communion held there this year. Needed repairs and improvement were entered upon, and the 15th day of the last month Dr. D. H. Moore dedicated the church, and raised sufficient to pay for the property with a margin of \$68. Brother Lucas, the pastor, says: "It is the best church on the circuit."

Our work at Hamilton, Rev. J. W. Peters pastor, reports 42 accessions. The Sunday-school is among the largest in our connection, having an average attendance of 400, and growing. The field at Hamilton is large, and but one Church for the accommodation of the Methodist part of the population. Harmony marks the Church and Board at Hamilton.

The work known as Lewisburg consists of three points—Lewisburg, Brookville, and Pymont. Rev. D. A. McCole has been two years at this work. Sixteen accessions are reported for the year. A very delightful group-meeting of the Epworth League was held at Brookville in the bounds of this work.

New Paris has been supplied for three years by Rev. M. F. Hawley, whose return is most unanimously and heartily desired. A good work was enjoyed at New Paris. More than a score were converted. Twenty united with the Church. The membership was strengthened, and a number brought into the enjoyment of full salvation. The time of refreshing was apparent in our last love-feast.

The Spirit was poured out on the work at Fairfield, Osborn Circuit, Rev. W. M. Patton pastor. Rarely have we held a quarterly-meeting where the power of God was felt as at this point at our second quarterly-meeting for the year. At their protracted meeting between 30 and 40 professed conversion. The pastor reports 56 accessions. One thousand and sixty pastoral visits are among the items of the work of this pastor this year.

At Oxford, Rev. J. P. Porter, D. D., pastor, the hearts of the people awake to melody, and two thousand dollars have been raised for the purchase of a pipe-organ. Already the choir are singing so thrillingly that the rendition of the music would seem to need no farther accompaniment. To hear those voices demonstrates what possibilities may lie in the direction of improved music in the sanctuary. As we listen, "it lifts us up on eagle's wings," and makes us for some moments "feast with Jesus, priests, and kings." When we contemplate the beauty of Oxford's location, looking off from its height in every direction, where it has in the landscape "poetry by the acre," and added to this the boundless glories of grace, we do not wonder that they sing.

Port Union has had a good year with Rev. W. M. Coffman,—fourteen accessions, an Epworth League organized where none has heretofore existed, an increased attendance, and interest in all the services.

At Red Lion, Rev. J. W. Patton has had his most fruitful year of the three and a half he has been serving that people. The tide has gradually but surely been rising in that work.

Rev. J. H. Lease has won the hearts of the people at Seven Mile. Thirty accessions have been reported.

West Alexandria has been under the watch-care of Rev. C. L. Chapman, who has a fast hold on the hearts of the young people and the community generally.

West Carrollton is one of our most promising fields. A pretty and growing town, with no realization of the hard times as other people have had, their great mill having never been closed in all these years. The Church raised \$1,300 for all purposes, and closed the year with \$68 in the treasury. Rev. J. T. Bail has had charge for the two years past. There is a great future for the Church at this point.

West Elkton has had 31 accessions. The work has been three years under the care of the Rev. J. A. Jenkinson.

Walker and Union has for two years been supplied by Rev. A. K. Stabler. Having his residence at Reiley, he has taken up preaching there in the town hall. There is now a prospect of organizing a society at this point. They already pledge a hundred dollars to his support next year if he be returned. We look for a good appointment, with God's blessing, to be developed at Reiley.

In the aggregate, more than 12,000 visits have been made on the Dayton District. Five hundred and fifty-four subscribers to the *Western Christian Advocate* have been secured; 450 subscribers to the *Epworth Herald*; 636 probationers received, and 525 enrolled by letter,—this, together with the baptisms administered, funerals attended, and marriages solemnized, sermons preached, the statistics of which have not been

gathered, give some idea of the amount of work done by the preachers of the Dayton District. But the real record of what has been accomplished is found on high. We can give no adequate report of the work of these ministers of God—how sin has been restrained, society leavened with righteousness, burdens lightened, hearts comforted, the tempted strengthened, dispositions sweetened, difficulties reconciled, penitents pardoned, believers purified, mourners consoled, the dying encouraged, and made meet for the inheritance of the saints in light. All this can only be found in that great day when the books are opened, and God's great record shall show a transcript of all our labors here.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

1. THE Georgetown District has thirty-one charges of one hundred and two churches. Of these, seven are stations, and twenty-four are circuits. Among them there is large equality. Our salaries attest it. Three-fourths run from five to six hundred dollars and parsonage.

There is advantage in this equality in community of feeling. We are a republic of equals, in which caste has no place and envy no occasion. With us, service transcends station. He is greatest who most endures and most achieves.

But this level works disadvantage in limitations. Incentive moved the Man of men. Why may it not move lesser men? To desire good place is not sin. Where aspiration ends, hope dies and action wanes. Good service demands recognition. To advance merit is among the duties of the eldership. But with our narrow range accomplishment is difficult. District lines are not shadows. Mountains and seas are not more ponderable. Every true elder stands for his own. He ought to. To fail is treason to his trust. As far as may be, district arrangement should compass every possible advance. Men who toil amid depressions should feel the inspiration of better things beyond. To shut the gate of opportunity by organic bounds seems almost of set purpose to bar endeavor. The heavens may be open, but men are not angels or even disembodied spirits. Earthly conditions hedge them. Poverty sometimes grips them, and ill circumstance crowds them. Even the most godly men are spurred by possible promotion. There are men on the Georgetown District whose abilities and services merit, and whose needs demand advance. From whence shall it come?

This for the Genius of Reconstruction. Her shadow is upon us.

2. The arrangement of the district is largely of inheritance. It is of the Fathers' fashioning. They built as they knew and the times made possible; yea, even beyond themselves and their times they builded, and we inhabit. All honor to their memory and achievements. Theirs was the age of the stage-coach and corduroy road. After this fashion men moved. They could move no otherwise. Better conditions and broader horizons invite us. Thetis' sword and Achilles' spear suited their times; but they were not the times of Gatling guns.

He who builds districts for the saddle and sulky of the Fathers is a cycle behind the hurried and hurrying present. Our plans must compass our facilities. Railroads and telegraphs are the order of life. The true district base must be at the head of opportunity. The ideal presiding elder must stride steam and electric steeds. Life is too short and the times too exacting for slow coaches.

The ideal district of *our territory* ought to plant itself in the great center whence lines of outlet touch all circumferences. The metropolitan

spirit may be adverse to it; but the highest execution commends its expediency, and some, to whom our metropolitan Methodist history is as open as the day, question whether the reflex influence of city and country is not mutually beneficent. The sturdy blood of the country nourishes the wasting currents of the city, and the hot pulse of the city inflames the country to a quicker life. Surely the most intense metropolitan will not claim miracles of achievement from the civic unity of Methodism in our midst. At least the past needs not to blush over its record. But whatever the issue or its bearings may be, for this I stand—district demarkation should conform to lines of travel. Utility demands it. Less is to waste force. Minify privilege and reject the voice of Providence, which says to the Church at every highway of great opportunity, "This is the way. Walk in it." It is the way of power and progress.

This, too, for the Genius of Reconstruction. May her eye be clear to discern, and her hand steady to define the lines of district equity!

As in our general, so in our special adjustment, the touch of the past is evident. The circuit idea is dominant. It carries great good. Necessities compel it. I do not undervalue it, nor would I carelessly modify it. Yet as beneficent as it has been and now is, it has sometimes wrought disadvantage, as when central points have been so merged in circuit plans as to lose or belittle their importance as Church centers. Their positions, possibilities, and obligations demand prominence in time and service. That a Church in an important town, with a goodly membership and a large and accessible constituency, should rate in service with small and unpromising outposts, seems scarcely up to the practical ideas of the day. Wisdom commends the largest outlays where the largest returns are possible. How to fortify our centers without wasting our outposts is a problem which, perhaps, only experiment will solve. The experiment ought to be made.

In the old days travel was inconvenient, and in some sections Methodism was overwhelmingly predominant, and to meet the need Churches were located near to each other. It was essential then, but it certainly is neither an economical nor an effective adjustment now. The undue crowding of Churches creates rivalries, financial depressions, and spiritual depletions. The cause would be better served by union than severance. One strong Church is better than two weak ones in a neighborhood; consolidation would strengthen financially without serious disadvantage to our people, or hurt to our influence. The times invite it. Our roads minify distance, and the influx of people alien to Methodism in some localities lessens the demand upon us. Where once we were the only moral force, we are now but one of several Christian agencies. But readjustment here is not easy. Some of these Churches, now small and uninfluential, are sacred by virtue of their histories. They were the battle-fields of early Methodism, and mark some of its greatest victories. The thought of abandoning our Marathons and Thermopylæ stirs every drop of loyal Methodist blood. Great memories attach to them. Blessed influences have gone from them. Old and young venerate them. In some cases, too, generations sleep in their quiet half-acres. To forsake them is to forsake the dead in more than a sentimental sense, for many of our oldest titles are reversionary, and legal possession passes from us on disuse, and so kirk and kirkyard, with their precious memories and more precious dust, become private property, subject to common uses.

3. At their best estate our people are not rich. Riches belong to our more favored district sisters, whose centers of trade draw wealth and multiply it. Yet we are not of the household of Lazarus, though not heirs of Dives. Our portion is a modest competency, and even its tenure is of struggle. Our people give, some of them, generously, but none of them recklessly. Prodigality in beneficence is not our sin. We may be extravagant elsewhere, but in this we incarnate prudence. With many,

economy toward God is become a fine art. There is purpose and plan in it. Habit has crystallized into character, and is become changeless; but the young of our Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues may be cultured toward the largest munificence. So shall the Church of the future give as becomes its dowry and the demands of God and the needs of men. It is due, however, to our people to remember that the financial storm which first overwhelmed the cities has culminated this year in the country. Farm mortgages are the order of country records. Their aggregate approximates real values. Their own needs have constrained many of our most liberal men. Perhaps their retrenchment has begun where it ought to have ended, at the house of God. Parsimony here is extremest folly, and prodigality the highest wisdom. It harvests large revenues of peace and pelf.

Beyond the general depression, the widespread failure of crops last year, and the storms and floods which have devastated whole sections this season, have so crippled many of our people, that even the bountiful harvests of the summer will only partially relieve the burden. The effect of these conditions is evident. Salaries have been paid slowly, and with difficulty. More so than for years past. But paid or not paid, the pastor, presiding elder, and bishops constitute a business corporation, and share alike in profits and losses. The benevolences, too, have felt the pressure, yet our showing will probably surpass that of last year. But it is worthy of record and remembrance that some pastors, with conditions seemingly as unpropitious as those of their brethren, have reached or approximated their apportionments. Has it been from a larger zeal on their part, or a larger conscience on the part of their people? Who may tell? Let each question his own soul. Neither official obstruction, nor distaste for the work, nor fear of support, ought to deter pastors from the most earnest and persistent effort to reach apportionments. They may seem excessive. Mistakes are not impossible even with the Angel of Figures in our Mission Rooms at New York. Perhaps he does not see with the Yerkes lens or the X ray, and so all our disabilities are not open to his greedy gaze. Perhaps it is a campaign of education which he leads, with larger ideals and possibilities of beneficent achievement to our Methodism. His figures may be prophecies, if they are not realizations. Let us aim at them. The issue concerns the honor of the home Church, and the success of the great enterprises of the general Church.

Some charges have reached all apportionments. Others have done well; perhaps their best. May the blessing of God, that brings neither poverty of spirit nor substance, be their portion forever!

Even amid our depressions, betterments have arisen.

The Milford Church has just celebrated its centennial. Here, in the spring of 1797, a class was formed and a preaching-place established, perhaps the first, and certainly not later than the second, west of the mountains and north of the Ohio. In the rich soil of the Miami, Methodism grew—a goodly plant, whose fragrance and fruit have filled the century. From its fold have passed into the heavens, and within its communion remain, some of the choicest spirits of earth. In honor of an event so unique, the church has been thoroughly renovated and improved at a cost of \$1,400, all of which has been raised, besides a starting fund of \$800 toward a pipe-organ.

The Mount Washington church has also been greatly improved at an outlay of \$400, which has been met.

Manchester church now has over \$200 cash toward improvements immediately to be made.

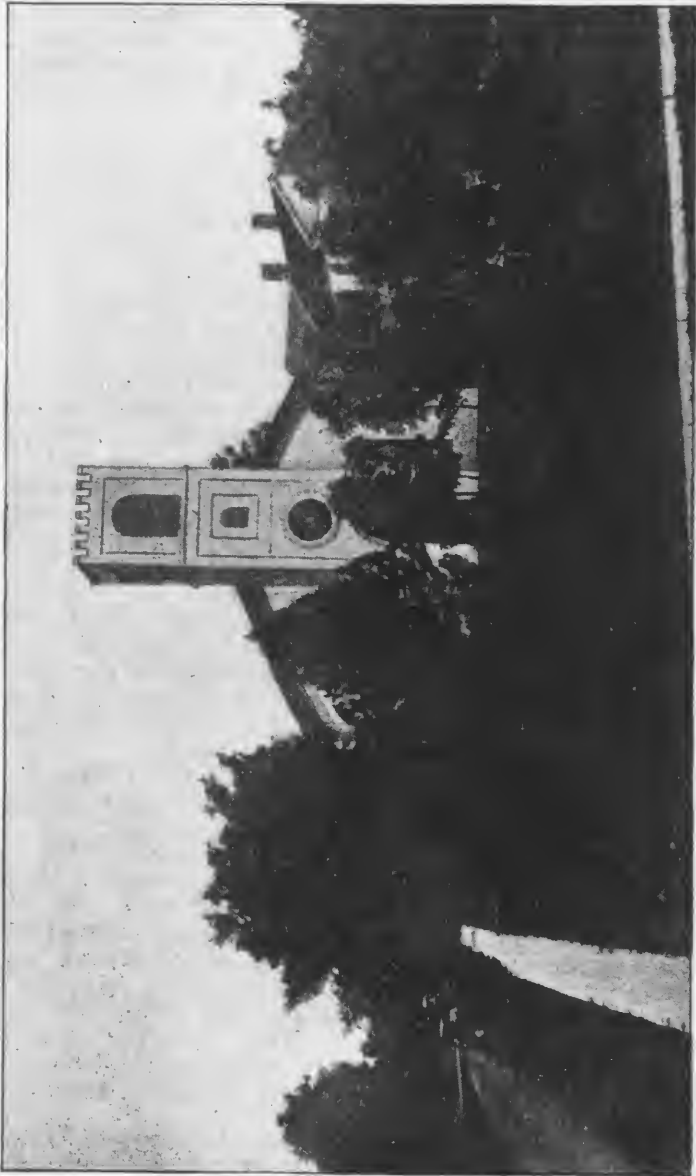
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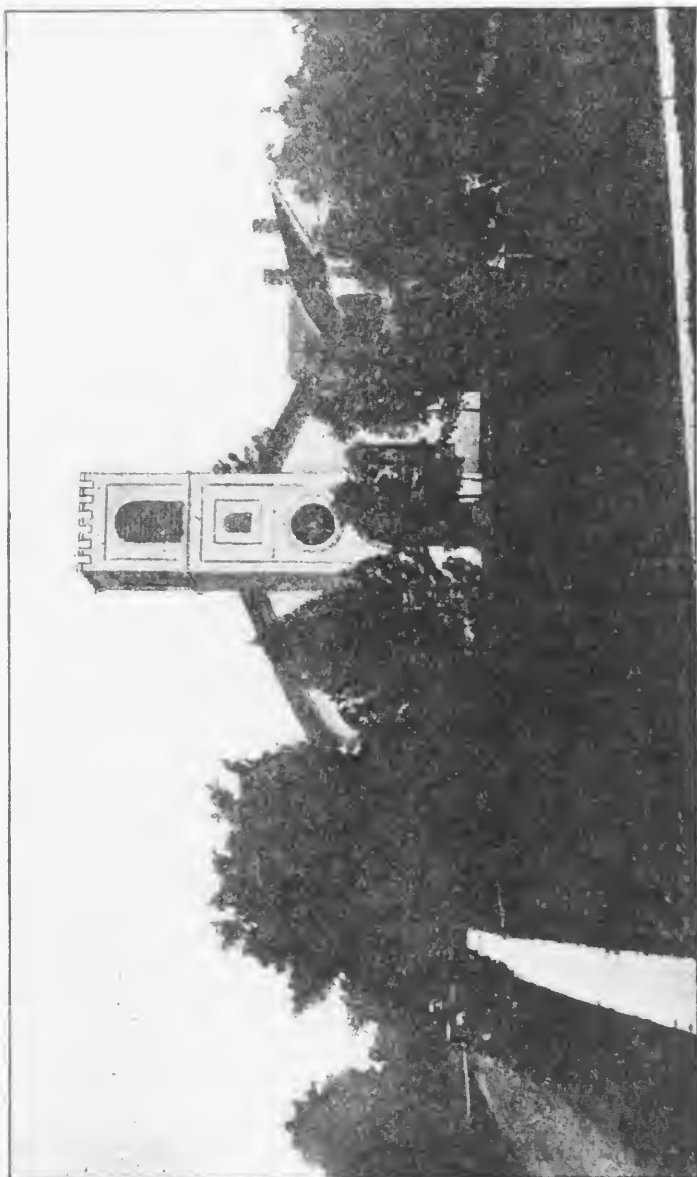
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From our midst, too, the heavens opened to receive into their glory that saintly woman, Mrs. W. I. Fee, who tabernacled with us for a little season, and was not, for God took her. It was a translation. One moment in the full of earthly service, the next in the flush of eternal triumphs.

7. In travel amid scenes the most varied and picturesque, sharing hospitalities the most full and free, in manse and mansion, enjoying the most blessed fellowship, both lay and ministerial, engaged in labors the most delightful, to the utmost of time and strength, the year has passed. The cycle is complete. The record is with God.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

T. H. PEARNE, Presiding Elder.

MR. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN,—Hillsboro District contains about one hundred and ten thousand souls. Of these, forty-five thousand live in sixty villages and cities, with numbers ranging, severally, from one hundred in each, to ten thousand. Besides these, the population reaches sixty-five thousand, of whom the major part follow husbandry. These facts are significant. They involve two general facts; viz., 1. Our members living in the country are not nearly so easily nor so effectively reached by our Church agencies, either for ministerial support or for benevolent collections, as those living in villages and cities. Nor, as a rule, are they as liberal. In large degree, these facts unfavorably affect all our financial affairs; and they are stubborn, inveterate facts. It is far easier to raise Church expenses, pastoral support, and benevolences in villages and cities, than in rural sections. All this is true under the most favorable financial conditions, and much more in times of financial pressure. 2. The farmers are the last to feel existing financial depression; yet when it reaches them, they feel it more severely than other industrial classes, and it affects and afflicts them much longer. Added to these general facts, there are two local conditions to be named. The farmers in all parts of my district suffered from the almost total failure of the wheat-crop of 1896; and over a like area the hog-cholera swept through the country. From these general and local causes, smaller collections than usual for all Church uses and benevolences have been taken.

These conditions should plead extenuation for pastors, presiding elders, and Churches, for the comparative unsuccess of our financial reports. Like conditions have induced reductions of salaries, and in the cases of the reduced and unreduced allowances, inconvenient shortages in the salaries are regretted. Yet, notwithstanding these depressing facts, our missionary collections will probably exceed those of 1896, both in aggregate and averages per member. The Disciplinary requirements and missionary collections have been substantially observed.

I received, during the fourth quarter, letters from the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, calling attention to a large shortage in the collections for this fund in 1896. This resulted, in part, from a misunderstanding as to the basis of reckoning. The report for this year will show improvement. The Minutes of last year show deficiencies as follows: In the Hillsboro District—pastors, 1 8-10 per cent; presiding elders, 3½ per cent; bishops, 1 1-10 per cent.

Hillsboro College has maintained its existence under the difficulties of scant endowments and small patronage. The fire which destroyed the college-building two years ago, consumed the library, archives, and

apparatus, and furniture. If some member of this body could be appointed to take the field and secure contributions of money and patronage, it would be a great boon. The commission appointed by your body last year failed to obtain recognition of the Conference equities, resulting from contributions of some forty or fifty thousand dollars made to the college the past fifty years.

In 1896 the churches in our district were increased by two, and in value, \$8,150, with parsonage, \$950; total, \$9,100. The present year two churches were added, of value, \$11,000; and one parsonage, \$1,500; total, \$21,700.

In Blanchester, our church was completed in March last. April 4th it was dedicated by Rev. Charles H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., assisted by Dr. Curts and others. The church cost \$10,000. Five thousand dollars more was needed to disencumber the plant. Five thousand eight hundred dollars were raised. The church is a gem. Brother Hamilton and his people have done nobly.

In our church in Leesburg large and much-needed improvements are in progress, to cost \$4,000. The necessary means are in hand. Brother H. C. Middleton is handling the business with ability.

Non-sanitary condition of the parsonage at Greenfield required its demolition. The trustees are meeting the emergency with promptness and efficiency. The new building, to cost some \$4,000, will be up-to-date in appointments and elegance. This Church has a membership, including probationers, of over eleven hundred members. Brother LeSourd closes a most successful five years' pastorate. He has received into the Church over eight hundred persons.

Our brethren in Highland have purchased a parsonage, which, with improvements, will cost some \$1,500. Now every charge in the district, save one, has a parsonage.

In South Lebanon the parsonage debt of \$800 has been reduced two hundred dollars. The remaining debt is in process of liquidation. This charge and Morrow were swept, in March last, by a wasteful flood, which will seriously affect our benevolences and pastoral support. The embarrassment will be but temporary.

A church, costing \$1,000, all paid for except \$140, has been built at the Cedars, some two miles from Sinking Spring. Brother Oswald has been happy, useful, and greatly beloved, during his three years of service here.

Under the pastorate of Brother H. D. Ketcham, the old, historic charge of Hillsboro has had a most prosperous year. All collections and Church support up to mark. He is one of the most attractive and popular of pastors.

Two hundred and fifty dollars have been spent in substantial church improvements in Clarksville. Brother Deputy, the pastor, has had over a hundred and thirty conversions and accessions.

We have a hundred classes in the district. Written reports from half of these are received in the Quarterly Conferences, and half as many verbal reports are made. Our people are class-going. In many of the charges the leaders collect the quarterage, while the stewards count and distribute it. In some charges, both the leaders and stewards make collections. But this duplex system is irregular, unreliable, and unsatisfactory. A single, uniform system is preferable.

The steward is an indispensable factor in Methodism. The Discipline, in paragraph 277, gives the quality and fiber of ideal stewards: "Let the stewards be persons of social piety, who both know and love Methodist doctrine and discipline; and who are of good, natural abilities to transact the temporal business of the Church."

Stewards make or mar a charge, as they are diligent, up-to-date, and skillful in their methods. I have known some most excellent stewards. I have found some less so. In one of my Oregon charges, forty-five

years ago, we had a model steward, who was also a man of extensive business. He ran a sawmill with several gangs of saws, and conducted, as clerk and partner, the largest lumbering establishment on the Pacific Coast. Yet he was a useful and faithful steward and recording steward on a large and difficult charge on the Columbia River. He was never absent from quarterly-meetings. His quarterage money was always ready, and up to mark. His example and methods pervaded the whole circuit. He never complained that the charge was overloaded with apportionments for Church support and benevolences. He was always happy and sunny. The finances in that charge were always at par. I have known it otherwise in some of my earlier and later charges. Some of the stewards get so tired. They want to resign. They should be allowed to do so. Fortunately, this kind of stewards is not very numerous. There are many of the other kind.

Some Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences use the Church moneys from a common treasury, containing stewards' money and trustees' money. This is unwise. Methodism, from the beginning, has ever maintained the distinction between them. They should never be blended.

In June last we held our District Epworth League Convention in Wilmington. It lasted two days. The attendance was large. All the charges in the district were represented. The papers read were superior. The discussions were animated and edifying. The meetings were spiritual. The Sunrise meeting was large and pentecostal. On the first evening, Bishop McCabe gave his celebrated lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," to an audience of eight hundred. Brother J. W. Story was re-elected president. The Convention unanimously requested the Conference to place full statistics of this line of Church work in the Annual Minutes, which, happily, is already being done.

We have nearly fifty Chapters of Senior Leagues, and half as many of Junior Leagues, with a membership, in both, of four thousand six hundred. A marked feature of the Convention was the presence of the Epworth Guards of Hillsboro. Their drill and maneuvers were superior. The League is growing in numbers and efficiency. The Greenfield Chapter has an enrollment of 566 members, and the Junior League has 136 members—702. The Convention closed with the holy communion, conducted by Brother Spahr.

Early in the year a Ministerial Association was held. It was well attended and well sustained.

Revival services have been held in most of the charges. Nearly all the pastors have held from one to six protracted-meetings in their charges, and not in vain. Over twelve hundred have professed conversion. The pastors and presiding elders have wrought in the most cordial unity and accord.

The provisions enacted by the General Conference of 1896 as to the evangelists in our Church, securing the joint approval of pastor and presiding elder, came none too soon, and they are none too stringent. The country swarms with unapproved evangelists, whose influence on the Churches is unwholesome.

Our periodicals and books are a most potent agency in promoting, unifying, and conserving our work. Quarterly Conferences, pastors, and presiding elders should hold them in watchful oversight and co-operation, as an essential line of our Church agencies. No Sunday-school requisites and literature excel ours. Almost without exception our Sunday-school requisites are obtained from our own Book Concerns.

With probably two or three exceptions, the pastors and their families have enjoyed good health. The basal doctrines of our Church should be clearly, persistently, and earnestly presented. I congratulate the Conference and myself on the loyal and devoted pastors of the district with whom I have lived and labored for four years. I greatly honor and love them. I invoke upon them the blessings of Abraham's God. They are

noble, consecrated, self-sacrificing. They have not spent their strength for naught. The supreme need of Methodism is not more nor better machinery. We have enough machinery, and that of good quality. What is needed, is more of the old-time pentecostal fire and power; the mighty downpour of the Holy Ghost. The Lord God of our Fathers, send it upon bishops, book agents, editors, secretaries, presiding elders, pastors, and charges in mighty tides, and upon the whole connection the wide world around, until our increase of numbers and efficient forces for good shall be of members, annually, a quarter of a million, and of moral power immeasurable!

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

THAT the sessions of this great, central, pivotal Conference should be held twice in succession, and eight times in eleven years, in the Springfield District, would seem to imply that the hub of Ohio Methodism—if not of the universe—must be somewhere in this neighborhood. Your happy week, a year ago, in our beautiful "Border City" had prepared you to vote, as you did, a unanimous acceptance of Springfield's cordial invitation. And now I need not assure you, dear brethren, that the five Methodist Churches of this "Champion City" have been most happy to receive you, at this time, as their honored guests. I am very sure that in hundreds of our homes the memories of this Conference week will be "as ointment poured forth." We sincerely hope that your sojourn among us has been as pleasant to you, as it has been delightful to us.

I shall not, in this my fifth annual report, take you on an itinerary around the district, giving in detail an account of each charge, but will refer, specifically, only to the more important facts and phases of the work. It should not be overlooked, however, that sometimes the most faithful and self-denying work is done on fields that yield very meager returns of the kind that figure largely in Conference reports. It is pleasant, no doubt, to be the pastor of a strong city Church, where the support is ample, the society cultured and congenial, and the benevolent collections aggregate thousands of dollars. But all the charges of even Springfield District are not in that category, and it does happen, now and then, that most earnest, Christ-like work is done, and done cheerfully and uncomplainingly, by brethren who seem shut up to very doubtful, almost hopeless fields of labor, and where simply to keep life in a feeble, struggling charge, is a great achievement.

A year ago it was thought by many who had carefully studied the signs of the times, that the Church was on the eve of a great religious awakening. The high expectations of an abundant spiritual harvest, however, with which many of our pastors and people entered upon the labors of the year, have not been fully realized. Revival-meetings were held, I believe, in every charge. Faithful, earnest, persistent, evangelistic work has been done, I am sure, by all the pastors, and while some have had marked and large success, and all have been favored with a degree of prosperity, yet, on the whole, the year falls below the average in results. On Catawba Circuit, Rev. S. W. Campbell pastor, over a hundred accessions to the Church are reported. At Cedarville, Rev. Frank E. Vance has had his fifth successive revival in the pastorate just closed, and seventy were this year added to the membership of that society. In Mechanicsburg, Rev. E. H. Cherington pastor, the revival-meetings resulted in fifty accessions to the Church. Grace Church, in this city, has had one of the best years in its history. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Ellsworth, re-

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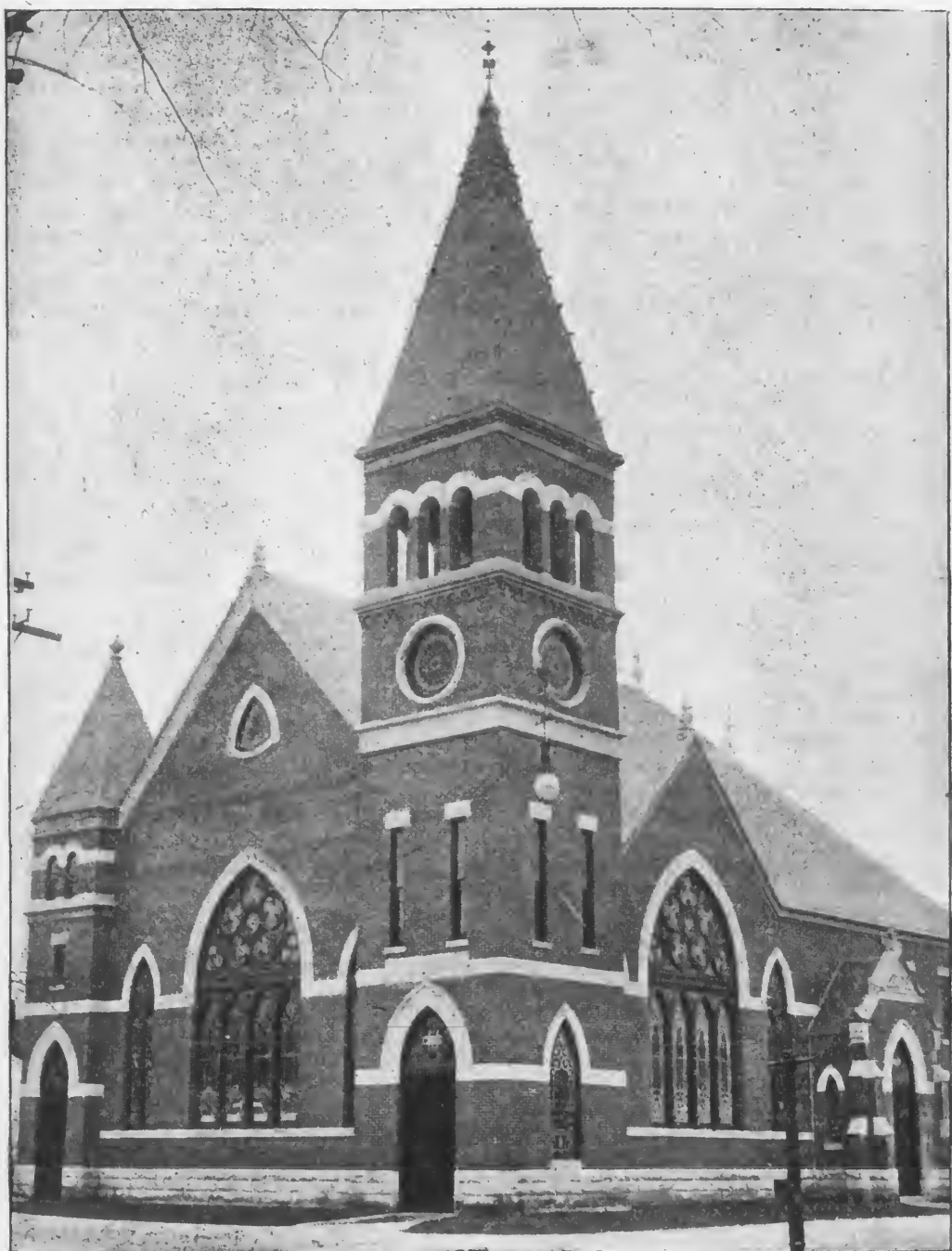
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Dr. Story, our host, has expended about seven hundred dollars during the summer in various repairs and improvements of this church. This amount was so quickly and easily collected by private solicitation, that I have been led to wonder if the pastor and his people might not think it possible, in the good times at hand, to build on this commanding site, so beautiful for situation, an up-to-date church, adequate to the needs of the congregation and the requirements of the times.

Grace Church, this city, has also been improved and repaired very materially, at a considerable cost, under the energetic leadership of its young pastor. On Catawba Circuit, a fine new parsonage has been commenced, which will be, when completed, one of the best in the Conference.

One of the most important and noteworthy events of the year was our special missionary campaign in June. Four successful Subdistrict Conventions were held, at four strategic points on the district. Besides the hearty and enthusiastic co-operation of all the pastors, we were favored with the presence, at all these meetings, of our distinguished Missionary Secretary, Dr. Leonard, and the Rev. William N. Brewster, of the China Mission, now at home on a brief furlough. Without exception these Conventions were well attended, spirited, and profitable. If, notwithstanding the financial depression of the year, our reports show no decline from those of last year, it will be largely due, I have no doubt, to the interest in the cause aroused by these splendid meetings.

Of the ten pastors who have completed, within the bounds of our Conference, the full term of five years, four were stationed in this district—Dr. F. G. Mitchell, Rev. P. C. Curnick, Rev. F. E. Vance, and Rev. W. A. Wiant. If I were to judge of the wisdom of the extension of the pastoral term by its results in these instances, I should say that the General Conference made no mistake in that legislation. There are manifest and important advantages in the longest possible pastorate, and many of our smaller and weaker charges suffer, most of all, from too frequent changes, owing largely to a restless and unreasonable spirit among the people, and the hope, on the part of the pastor, that any change will be an improvement. I have observed that the most prosperous Churches are the ones in which a faithful pastor is retained as long as possible, and certainly any minister who is worthy of a pulpit will serve a Church



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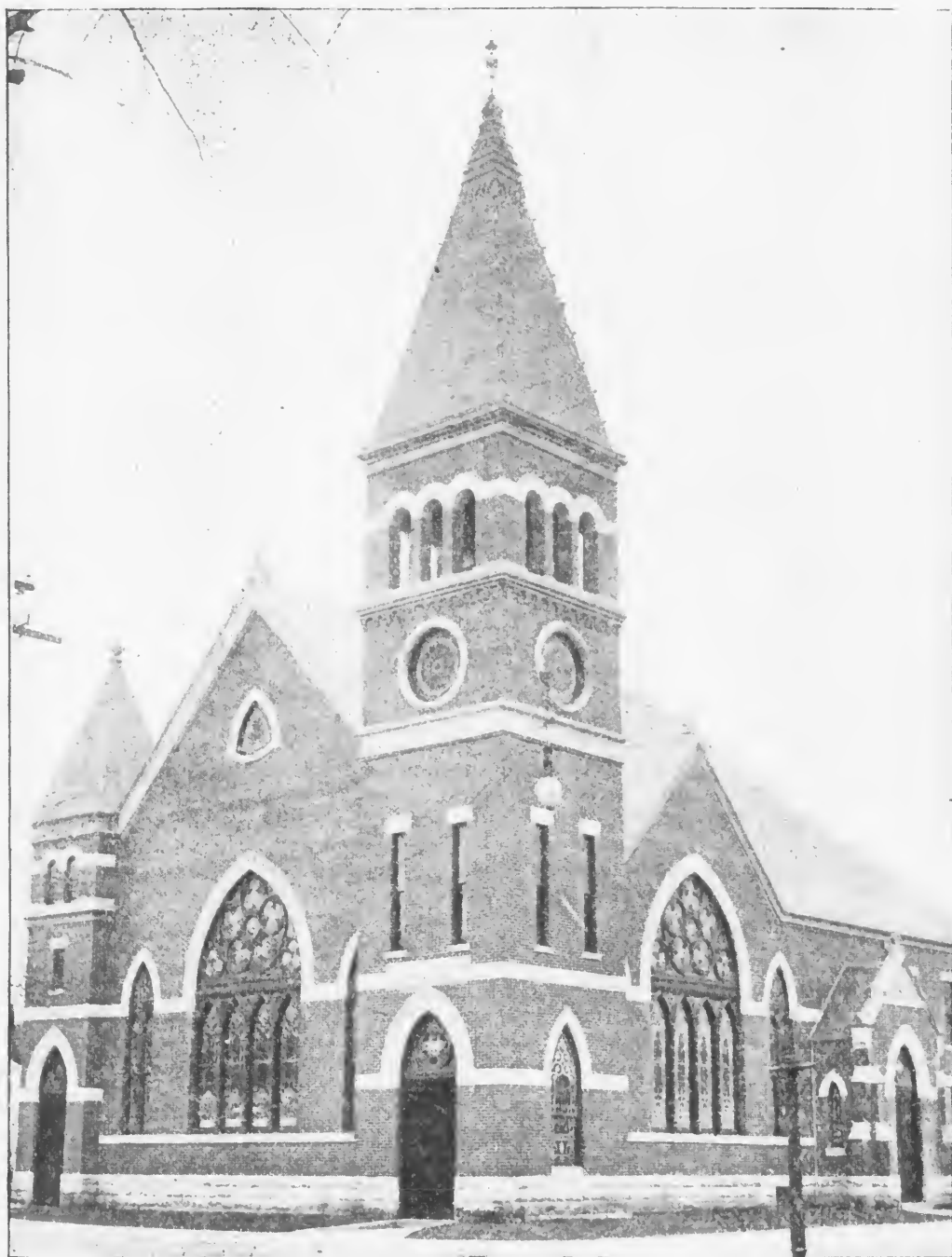
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with increasing usefulness as he becomes better acquainted with its needs. While all Churches during the recent prolonged period of financial depression have found more or less difficulty in meeting current expenses, those in the rural districts have labored under peculiar disadvantages. It is apparent that our circuit work, as a whole, is not prospering as in former times, and some of the causes for this declension are on the surface; how they can be removed is a difficult problem. Many of our well-to-do country members have moved into the towns and cities, leaving their farms in charge of tenants who are often of foreign birth and hostile to Protestant Christianity; the extremely low prices prevailing until quite recently for all agricultural products; the small salaries allowed, usually, on the circuits, and the failure often to pay even the meager sum promised,—these and other causes have conspired to make it increasingly difficult, in recent years, to properly supply and adequately maintain our country work. The subject is beset with difficulties; but it deserves the most thoughtful study of those who are charged with the administration of our ecclesiastical affairs.

Owing to a change in the time of the Annual District Epworth League Convention, from October to August, we have had two such meetings during the Conference year. The Convention in October last, in South Charleston, conducted by President Royal, was very largely attended by delegates and visitors, and the papers and addresses were of a high order. The second meeting, held in Mechanicsburg, in August, under the guidance of Professor G. A. Hubbell, of Antioch College, is reported to have been an occasion of very great interest. Undoubtedly the Epworth League is becoming more and more an intellectual, moral, and spiritual force in our Church—an alert, aggressive, disciplined body of workers for the future.

On a single point there is heard, now and then, a criticism of this splendid army of young Christian soldiers. The devotional meetings of the League are held, generally, on Sabbath evening, an hour before the public preaching service, and the complaint sometimes heard is, that many of the attendants at these young people's meetings seldom attend the evening preaching service. If this criticism is well founded, some means should at once be devised to check an evil fraught with danger to the spiritual life of our young people.

During the year a most delightful and profitable session of our District Ministerial Association was held in Tippecanoe City. It was attended by nearly all the pastors of the district and many visiting brethren from the Dayton District; the program had been prepared with unusual care and discrimination, and the papers were remarkably able and instructive. The hospitality of the good people of Tippecanoe was unbounded, and the general verdict of the brethren was that they had never spent two days more pleasantly nor profitably.

The Urbana Camp-meeting was again in charge of Rev. J. G. Vaughan. The attendance was large, and the spirit of the meeting was admirable. Dr. Chapman, the well-known evangelist, delivered a series of powerful sermons on the work of the Holy Spirit. It was interesting and suggestive to see this eminent Presbyterian minister instructing a large company of Methodist ministers and people in the doctrine of Bible holiness, and in language that might have been taken from Wesley's "Plain Account of Christian Perfection." As I recalled some theological discussions of fifty years ago, I was strongly impressed with the fact that the religious world, at least, does move. During the meeting very encouraging progress was made toward the payment of a debt which, for years, has greatly embarrassed the managers.

I am glad to be able to say that Sunday-school work, in our district, is receiving increased attention, and that, among our most thoughtful, intelligent people, there is a growing conviction, apparently, that the Sunday-school is the right arm of the Church, and the pioneer of the

preached Word. Many of our largest and best schools are deeply interested in the missionary work of the Church, having, many of them, well-organized auxiliary societies, while all of them, I think, contribute regularly to the cause. When this great Sunday-school army is brought up to the maximum of its ability in this direction, the problem of how to meet missionary apportionments will be solved. Two or three old questions relating to the work of the Sunday-school are still unanswered, and I would like to put them upon the heart of the Church once more. First. Is it possible to prevent the very general suspension of country schools during the winter months? Second. How can we get the Bible back into the classes, from which the so-called "lesson helps" seem to have completely driven it? Third. Is there any way by which the children and young people who attend morning Sunday-schools can be induced to attend, more generally, the morning preaching service?

Though Death has not broken our effective ranks during the year, yet we lose from our roll one of its greatest names, that of Professor L. D. McCabe, who was, for many years, a member of the Quarterly Conference of this (High Street) Church. Distinguished as a scholar, eminent as an educator, eloquent as a preacher, and known throughout the religious world as a profound thinker and writer on the deep things of God, we feel that in his death "a prince and a great man has fallen" in our Israel.

The name of Mrs. William I. Fee did not appear upon our Conference register, and yet we all felt, and especially in recent years, that she was a part of this body. In her transfer to the Church triumphant, we realize that a great spiritual force has gone out from us. For her there was "no death—what seemed so was transition." Absent from the body, she was present with the Lord, without an appreciable interval.

The grim, unwelcome Messenger has entered two of our parsonage homes during the year, and borne from each a sweet child,

"Whose all of life, a rosy ray,
Dawned on the earth and passed away."

One of the very hardest lessons of this life is to find out the wisdom of these inscrutable providences; and yet, no doubt, if we could see things as God sees them, we should want all the events of our lives ordered precisely as God has ordered them.

The health of the preachers, when it is considered that many of them endure the fatigue and exposure of a three-months' campaign in revival work every year, has been remarkably preserved. Rev. John E. Beery, who came to us last fall by transfer from the West Wisconsin Conference, was compelled by impaired health to take a long rest, but he now fully expects to resume work with the new Conference year.

One or two other brethren have been interrupted in their work for brief periods, but for the most part they and their families have been in constant good health.

I would not close without grateful recognition of God's goodness to me personally. For the uninterrupted health and strength of the year, enabling me to meet every engagement and fill every appointment; for the great kindness of pastors and people, who have given me such cordial welcome to their homes, I would ascribe all praise to Him whose gracious promise is, "I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

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STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 27.—*What are the Claims of the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER, \$11,180.83

QUESTION 28.—*What has been Received on the Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From Conference Trustees, \$455 81
 From Chartered Fund, 22 00
 From Book Concern, 1,332 00
 From Charges, 5,174 00
 From Attilia F. Chrisman, 25 00
 From Mears Fund, 144 00
 \$7,152 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards.	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS				
Rev. R. A. Arthur, . . .	By mail,	\$50 00	\$31 25	Addison, W. Va.
Rev. J. T. Bail,	Self,	400 00	250 00	Waynesville, O.
Rev. Silas Bennett, . . .	By mail,	175 00	109 37	Bellefontaine, O.
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	350 00	218 75	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	Rev. C. L. Conger, . . .	400 00	250 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	Self,	250 00	156 25	Winchester, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . . .	Self,	275 00	171 87	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	By mail,	350 00	218 75	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee,	Self,	300 00	187 50	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	Rev. J. G. Vaughan, . . .	275 00	171 87	Urbana, O.
Rev. J. L. Gregg,	Self,	50 00	31 25	Manhattan, Kan.
Rev. A. M. Griffith,	Rev. G. P. Austin,	250 00	156 25	Sabina, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . . .	By mail,	200 00	125 00	Pursley, W. Va.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	150 00	93 75	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. F. W. Hypes,	By mail,	50 00	31 25	Owensville, O.
Rev. E. P. James,	Self,	250 00	156 25	Delaware, O.
Rev. M. Kauffman,	Self,	100 00	62 50	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	300 00	187 50	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	Self,	400 00	250 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	300 00	187 50	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . . .	Self,	300 00	187 50	Greenfield, O.
Rev. Adam Miller,	Self,	300 00	187 50	172 Ashland Bou., Chicago.
Rev. W. T. McMullen, . . .	By mail,	50 00	31 25	Owensville, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, . .	Self,	400 00	250 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. I. Taggart,	Rev. W. P. Jackson, . . .	50 00	31 25	Rainsboro, O.

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Rev. John Vance,	Self,	\$100 00	\$62 50	New Moorefield, O.
Rev. Timothy Wones, . .	Rev. C. Wones,	100 00	62 50	Springfield, O.
Rev. L. F. Vouug, . . .	By mail,	300 00	187 50	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. M. P. Zink,	Rev. H. D. Ketcham, .	200 00	125 00	Hillsboro, O.
Funeral expenses of				
J. L. Grover (Rev.), . .	By mail, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Henry Miller (Rev.), . .	Mrs. Miller, Net,	50 00	50 00	
W. J. Quarry, (Rev.), . .	Rev. E. T. Lane, . Net,	50 00	50 00	
WIDOWS.		\$6825 00	\$4321 86	
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	J. J. McCabe,	150 00	93 75	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	By mail,	100 00	62 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. W. M. Boyer,	T. D. Moore,	100 00	62 50	Manchester, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan,	C. F. Enyart,	100 00	62 50	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. Jessie R. Hall, . . .	J. D. Darling,	100 00	62 50	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr,	Dr. Robinson,	200 00	125 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. J. Hill,	F. M. Clemans,	200 00	125 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	G. M. Fulton,	200 00	125 00	Williamsburg, O. [bus. O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	By mail,	100 00	62 50	1557 Highland St., Colum-
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. Kalbfus,	100 00	62 50	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely,	J. P. Porter,	100 00	62 50	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	E. P. James,	250 00	156 25	Delaware, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	J. G. Black,	150 00	93 75	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. H. Miesse, . . .	By mail,	100 00	62 50	Easton, Pa.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	V. F. Brown,	200 00	125 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove,	J. G. Black,	175 00	109 37	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. James Murray, . . .	E. H. Cherington, . . .	125 00	78 13	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller,	E. McHugh,	250 00	156 25	Station A. Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . . .	J. G. Black,	200 00	125 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page,	Self,	200 00	125 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent, . . .	C. L. Myers,	100 00	62 50	Linwood, O.
Mrs. John Shinn,	Self,	200 00	125 00	Marysville, O.
Mrs. E. C. Smith,	W. J. Dunham,	200 00	125 00	Cleves, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes,	J. E. Abrams,	100 00	62 50	Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts, . . .	By mail,	200 00	125 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. E. G. West,	M. B. Fuller,	200 00	125 00	Urbana, O.
Mrs. W. N. Williams, . . .	F. M. Clemans, . . . Net,	25 00	25 00	Dayton, O..
Funeral expenses of				
Mrs. H. M. Curry,	E. Burdsall, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Mrs. W. H. Fyffe,	G. V. Morris, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Mrs. Wm. Morrow,	By mail, Net,	50 00	50 00	
Unavailable money in Gunckel Bank, Middle-				
town, Ohio,		56 99	56 99	
Overdraft from 1896,		16 84	16 84	
Printing Minutes,		5 00	5 00	
Stationery,		2 00	2 00	
		\$4355 83	\$2818 33	
Balance in hand of Treasurer,			\$12 72	
Total disbursements,			\$7152 91	

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M. LESOURD, *Secretary.* GEO. S. EASTON, J. A. EASTON.
A. D. MADDOX, *Treasurer.* G. P. AUSTIN, W. J. BAKER.

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1897.

RECEIPTS.			
	CASH.	VOUCHER.	GRAND TOTAL.
For Missions,	\$14,587 00	\$4,971	\$19,558 00
For Sunday-school Union,	277 00	84	361 00
For Tract Cause,	267 00	90	357 00
For Church Extension,	1,571 00	427	1,998 00
For Freedmen's Aid & Southern Educ. Soc.,	1,832 00	856	2,688 00
For Education: Pub. Ed.,	223 00	249	472 00
Children's,	611 00	507	1,118 00
For American Bible Society,	305 00	312	617 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	39 00	7,297	7,336 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society, .	9 00	7,879	7,888 00
For Episcopal Fund,	1,164 00	258	1,422 00
For Conference Claimants,	4,646 00	533	5,179 00
For General Conference Expenses,	4 00		4 00
For Other Collections,	1 00	12,583	12,584 00
For Cincinnati Church Extension,	11 00		11 00
For American University,	27 00		27 00
For Deaconess Home,	688 00	3,196	3,884 00
For India Relief,	6 00		6 00
Fractional Dollars,	8 18		8 18
	\$26,276 18	\$39,242	\$65,518 18

DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

To Curts & Jennings,	\$19,532 00
To Conference Stewards,	5,174 00
To J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University,	223 00
To H. C. Weakley, for Hospital,	688 00
To Treasurer, Cincinnati Church Extension,	11 00
To F. G. Mitchell, for American University,	27 00
To C. H. Payne, for Education,	611 00
To Publishing Committee,	10 18
Total,	\$26,276 18

The detailed reports from the charges, given in the statistical tables, pages, 247-264, have been compared with the Treasurer's receipts, as required by the Discipline, Art. 82, § 7, and are correct.

The vouchers for these various amounts can be seen in the hands of the Treasurer.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Conference Treasurer.*

SPRINGFIELD, O., Sept. 6, 1897.

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GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, J. H. McNARY, Arcanum, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local P's-b'ers.	Deaths.....	Children Bp'd	Adults Bp'd.	Schools.....	Offrs & P's-b'rs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches....	Probable Val.	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & repair v. Chrs. & Parsonages	Paid on old in-debtedness on Ch. Property	Present in-debtedness on Ch. Property
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Bond Hill.....	1	76			4	4	1	15	70	1	\$5,000			\$104		\$468
Carthage and Elmwood Place.	12	225			4	12	2	30	325	12	9,500			25		
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	12	205	1	5	3	6	1	28	225	1	6,000	1	\$2,500	100		
Avondale.....	11	168		1	1	2	1	21	140	1	30,000		11,000	501		2,500
Camp Washington.....	82	137		3	16	3	1	16	225	1	5,000			485		
Christie.....	15	265	1	12	13	5	1	23	175	1	20,000	1	7,000		\$320	55
Clifton.....		50		1	4	1	1	14	55	1	35,000			700		6,200
Columbia.....	3	320			6	2	1	26	366	1	10,000	1	4,000	530	208	3,350
Cumminsville.....	14	337	1	5	6	4	1	30	350	1	35,000				3,000	11,500
Fairmount.....	14	184		2	2		1	30	300	1	7,000	1	2,500	1,525	1,525	3,000
Finley.....	18	155		2	2		1	20	180	1	10,000			450		
Linwood.....	2	81	1				1	9	61	1	3,100					
McKendree.....	24	392		5	9	3	1	25	250	1	16,000					
Mount Auburn.....	18	137	2	1	1		1	13	153	1	30,000			343	208	3,000
Mount Lookout.....	5	215	1	1	3	4	1	17	136	1	5,700	1	3,300		1,005	140
Pendleton.....	21	236		5	14	13	1	25	221	1	12,000			10		
Price Hill.....	13	165	1	12	6	1	1	19	190	1	14,000			1,300		
Riverside.....	6	150			26	8	1	15	200	1	5,000				900	1,100
St. John and Pearl Street.....	11	106		1	3	1	1	10	50	1	12,000					
St. Paul.....	25	365	2	3	14	10	1	23	255	1	80,000	1	15,000	703		5,000
Trinity.....		366	2		5	9	1	31	437	1	75,000			300		
Walnut Hills.....	19	565	4	10	10	6	1	34	270	1	60,000	1	15,000	1,000		
Wesley.....	62	429	3	6	28	25	1	64	550	1	80,000	1	10,000	527		
York Street.....	18	222		6	5	3	1	22	275	1	10,000			150		
Cleves.....	197	344		9	6	116	2	35	325	2	8,600			450		800
Delhi.....	2	130			2	4	1	20	140	1	4,000					
Groesbeck.....	2	120		3		5	2	28	125	2	4,500			200		
Hartwell.....	1	255		2	4	1	2	26	275	2	12,000	1	2,500		225	2,725
Harrison.....		155		1			1	16	125	1	10,000			2,000		600
Lockland-Wyoming.....	19	275	1		6	4	1	21	199	1	35,000	1	6,000			
Loveland and Branch Hill.....	7	214		2	8	35	3	29	167	3	4,500			50		
Madisonville.....	14	384	2		8	3	1	28	225	1	20,000	1	3,000			
Miami.....	26	167					4	50	225	4	5,500					
Newtown.....	17	427		9	3	25	5	63	302	5	11,300	1	2,400		100	200
Norwood: First Church.....	12	200	1	1	10	4	1	23	180	1	5,000			200		
Grace.....	4	152			12	2	1	21	195	1	5,500			135		1,750
Venice (Ross).....		222		3			3	30	200	4	10,000	1		600	25	
Westwood.....	4	139		3			1	31	210	1	50,000	1	2,500			
Winton Place.....	7	137	1		9	1	1	20	135	1	15,000	1	10,000		150	1,650
Pearl Street, Cincinnati.....	8	60			2	1	1	12	75	1	7,800	1	2,200			
Totals.....	718	8897	26	102	259	335	55	1013	8562	56	784,000	18	101,500	9,813	7,641	44,038
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany.....	14	200	1	12	2		1	19	100	2	3,500	1	1,000			
Camden and Somerville.....	7	223			2	2	2	36	185	2	7,000	1	1,500			
Centerville.....	15	501		8	3	35	3	48	280	3	10,300	1	1,500	510	80	
Concord (Union).....	24	292	3	6			4	48	382	4	6,500	1	1,000	950		
Dayton: Broadway.....	15	804	4	10	16	35	1	54	580	1	10,000	1	3,000	30	100	1,000
Grace.....	20	797		11	4	8	1	34	300	1	60,000	1	10,000	200	200	2,000
Homestead Av. & Riverdale	11	160			7	4	2	37	220	1	3,500	L		200	105	
Raper.....	10	875	1	8	9	9	2	78	835	1	28,000	1	3,000	280	196	
St. Paul.....	22	661	2	5	6	17	1	47	614	1	25,000					800
Trinity.....	118	266	2	2	11	11	1	31	250	1	12,000	1	2,500	204	302	4,600
Eaton.....	9	392	1	4	8	11	1	23	190	1	20,000	1	3,000			
Fair Haven.....	2	283		4	4	2	2	32	225	2	3,500	1		700	100	
Fort Jefferson.....	25	220		3	7	11	4	55	350	4	5,300	1	1,000	289	150	500
Franklin.....	25	334		5	2	2	1	23	290	1	20,000	1	4,000	50		1,500
Germantown.....	35	175		2			1	16	60	1	2,500			150		
Glendale and Sharonville.....	11	130		1	3	3	2	20	100	2	6,500					
Gordon.....	1	138	2	4		8	3	38	275	4	4,800	1		500	600	
Hamilton.....	11	575		3	11	3	1	61	645	1	45,000	1	5,000	300	1,500	
Lewisburg.....	202	202	1	4	2		3	43	240	3	6,000	1	1,300			
Miamisburg.....	13	271		7	9	5	1	30	300	1	8,000	2	4,500	224		
Middletown.....	22	706	1	8	8	14	1	26	300	1	40,000	1	3,000	136	400	5,700
Monroe.....	15	160		6	2		2	27	165	2	6,000	1	2,000	175		
New Paris.....	2	135		1		7	1	10	76	3	3,000	1		800		50
Osborn.....	31	306		6		13	4	50	385	4	10,800					
Oxford.....	4	335	1	4	2	3	1	22	200	1	20,000	1	2,000	165		
Port Union (Stockton).....	8	107			6	9	3	28	150	3	5,000	1	2,500			
Red Lion.....	6	193		1	10	12	1	5	49	1	5,000	1	1,000			
Seven Mile.....	2	181			13	14	1	14	95	2	10,000	1	1,500	150		

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local Prebys.	Deaths	Children Bp'd..	Adults Bp'd..	Schools	Offrs & T'hrs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches	Probable Val..	Parsonages.....	Probable Val..	Paid for build. & deducn on Ch. Property.	Paid on old in-dedn on Ch. Property.	Present in-dedn on Ch. Property.
Springboro.....	1	115	.....	1	.....	.....	1	14	86	1	\$2,000	1	\$850	\$20	.....	.....
Walker & Union (Reiley).....	3	101	4	.....	.....	.....	2	24	85	2	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Alexandria.....	3	163	.....	.....	1	.....	1	21	148	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Carrollton.....	.....	158	.....	1	6	1	1	15	150	1	1,800	.....	.....	40	.....	.....
West Chester.....	6	126	.....	2	.....	.....	3	28	200	2	2,000	1	1,400	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton.....	12	255	2	3	19	16	4	42	280	4	3,000	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Totals.....	503	10,540	25	124	173	235	63	1099	8,790	65	403,000	26	58,750	4,528	\$2,928	\$16,150
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	30	416	.....	8	13	57	4	54	300	4	5,700	1	1,000	40	.....	.....
Amelia.....	20	368	1	7	.....	14	3	41	313	4	6,200	1	2,000	225	.....	.....
Batavia.....	6	240	.....	2	.....	.....	1	26	200	1	15,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	9	355	1	7	1	.....	5	55	350	4	4,000	1	400	81	86	.....
Butlerville (Edenton).....	1	270	.....	2	.....	8	4	53	325	4	5,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centenary (Mulberry).....	5	274	1	3	9	6	5	50	125	5	8,000	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
Chilo.....	10	360	.....	4	.....	5	4	36	301	4	6,000	1	500	450	.....	.....
Decatur.....	2	312	2	3	1	9	4	50	215	4	6,000	1	1,000	900	.....	.....
Feesburg.....	16	220	1	1	18	5	56	300	.....	5	3,300	1	1,200	287	.....	330
Felicity.....	20	315	1	6	.....	2	2	45	250	2	5,000	1	1,000	50	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	16	501	4	1	3	3	36	294	3	8,500	1	700	16	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	15	344	.....	5	.....	5	3	35	238	3	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Laurel.....	15	500	1	12	14	4	4	63	339	4	6,800	1	250	75	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	30	356	1	6	1	21	1	28	300	1	12,000	1	3,000	260	280	1,425
Lebanon Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maineville.....	5	214	.....	2	1	1	2	28	269	2	4,000	1	1,500	150	.....	.....
Manchester.....	.....	400	3	12	8	3	3	50	450	3	7,000	1	1,200	300	50	.....
Marathon.....	19	436	3	4	1	10	5	52	326	5	4,900	1	1,200	893	.....	.....
Mason.....	20	210	.....	.....	.....	3	42	238	.....	3	5,000	1	3,000	.....	500	85
Milford.....	18	241	.....	4	.....	7	1	23	160	1	6,000	1	2,000	1,000	500	.....
Moscow.....	24	360	3	10	2	13	4	53	3-4	4	12,000	.....	.....	100	1,400	.....
Mount Washington.....	2	84	.....	2	1	.....	1	15	140	1	6,000	.....	.....	400	.....	.....
New Richmond.....	3	128	.....	1	2	2	1	17	120	1	4,000	1	1,500	80	56	150
Owensville and Newtonville	3	465	1	3	1	25	4	56	435	4	8,000	1	1,200	75	.....	.....
Peebles.....	26	464	2	2	.....	27	1	56	498	4	2,500	2	1,300	273	276	.....
Pleasant Ridge-Montgomery.	6	169	1	.....	2	.....	2	18	109	4	7,500	.....	.....	50	.....	250
Ripley.....	6	265	.....	5	8	18	1	16	250	1	20,000	1	3,000	204	200	.....
Summerside.....	15	273	1	4	1	1	4	58	258	4	5,500	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	25	446	1	5	1	26	3	44	264	4	3,700	1	800	115	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	.....	250	1	5	7	10	1	28	175	1	3,000	1	1,800	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit.....	6	365	1	6	8	12	4	40	300	5	5,000	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
Totals.....	376	9,601	26	135	86	307	91	1254	8,196	95	200,100	25	33,050	6,020	2,468	4,405
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast (Bell).....	4	555	1	7	.....	25	6	71	380	6	6,500	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester.....	50	330	1	.....	4	4	2	37	285	2	14,000	1	1,800	10,000	100	200
Bowesville.....	12	282	1	3	23	2	3	38	192	4	4,600	1	800	27	18	35
Clarksville.....	46	329	.....	6	26	70	4	45	220	3	4,000	1	1,000	200	.....	.....
Greenfield.....	30	1,080	.....	11	1	35	1	36	750	1	10,000	1	2,000	100	.....	.....
Highland.....	15	384	3	3	1	7	4	63	367	4	6,200	1	800	50	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	37	788	1	9	1	.....	1	25	602	1	12,000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	10	332	.....	5	.....	6	1	24	212	1	1,200	1	2,000	80	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	5	329	2	6	.....	2	3	49	339	3	8,500	1	1,000	60	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	6	468	.....	.....	5	25	4	70	330	4	7,000	1	15,000	100	.....	.....
Martinsville.....	5	280	2	4	4	.....	4	48	180	5	7,000	1	600	12	.....	.....
Morrow.....	15	180	.....	1	.....	5	1	9	108	1	3,500	1	1,500	27	.....	.....
Mount Orab.....	32	405	2	11	2	3	4	52	411	4	4,100	1	1,200	3,500	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	56	526	4	9	1	36	4	65	397	4	6,400	1	1,500	.....	50	140
New Jasper.....	.....	359	.....	3	2	9	3	40	260	3	7,500	1	1,800	.....	.....	.....
New Vienna.....	8	330	2	10	1	64	3	40	225	3	8,000	1	2,000	90	400	300
Rainsboro.....	60	426	.....	8	.....	31	4	6	454	4	8,500	1	1,200	50	.....	.....
Sabina.....	14	300	.....	1	25	3	1	20	210	1	14,000	1	2,000	40	100	500
Sinking Spring.....	27	320	2	3	.....	3	6	40	370	5	3,500	1	750	75	300	200
South Lebanon.....	.....	130	4	.....	2	.....	1	13	125	1	2,500	1	1,400	50	138	700
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	21	447	.....	10	.....	12	.....	75	394	6	6,500	1	400	75	.....	85
Union (Spring Valley).....	42	299	.....	10	3	2	4	62	244	5	5,600	1	2,200	22	200	1,200
Waverly.....	12	282	.....	6	.....	30	2	39	225	2	6,300	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	6	294	.....	4	1	12	1	22	140	1	12,000	1	2,500	25	.....	.....
Winchester.....	10	529	2	9	.....	1	4	50	400	4	7,500	1	1,000	.....	.....	400
Xenia: First Church.....	74	680	1	6	5	8	1	34	400	1	40,000	1	5,000	50	2,500	13,000
Trinity.....	23	362	.....	5	1	8	1	27	143	1	20,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	620	11,026	24	157	108	465	80	1101	8,363	82	236,900	27	60,450	13,783	3,806	16,760
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Arcanum.....	8	474	1	1	10	26	1	22	201	1	7,000	1	2,200	.....	.....	400
Brandt.....	14	140	1	4	5	5	4	45	225	4	4,000	1	1,000
Catawba.....	25	560	5	6	20	4	71	425	4	9,000	1	2,000	1,500

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur. & Parsonages	Paid on old Indebtedness on Ch. ch property	Present Indebtedness on Ch. ch property
Cedarville.....	35	465	1	14	9	31	2	19	225	2	\$3,600	1	\$2,000	\$200	\$150	.....
Christiansburg.....	1	182	2	2	...	...	4	44	140	4	9,000	1	1,000	75	.....	.....
Covington.....	28	190	1	1	6	2	30	150	4	2	3,700	1	1,500	70	.....	.....
Dialton.....	4	357	2	2	2	2	4	65	484	4	11,300	1	1,600	75	.....	6,000
Greenville.....	6	293	...	5	2	6	1	27	213	1	27,000	1	2,500	20,500	.....	40
King's Creek.....	7	215	1	3	1	1	4	50	200	4	3,000	1	1,000	30	25	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	15	434	...	3	...	17	1	27	352	1	30,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	1,000
Mutual.....	6	340	...	6	...	17	4	59	230	5	7,700	1	500	400	200	.....
New Carlisle.....	28	283	1	6	12	2	32	313	2	7,000	1	1,500	153	.....	.....	.....
New Moorefield.....	15	290	...	3	6	5	4	46	300	4	10,000	1	1,200	400	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	14	328	...	5	3	8	1	29	200	1	6,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	200
Greene Street.....	6	658	2	8	20	11	1	38	357	1	26,500	1	8,000	.....	375	1,325
South Charleston.....	19	330	...	4	3	15	2	32	253	2	14,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....
South Charleston Circuit.....	15	250	...	2	1	5	5	50	275	5	6,000	...	.....	25	.....	300
Springfield: Central.....	30	835	3	6	20	10	1	64	550	1	20,000	1	10,000	325	100	315
Clifton Avenue.....	6	226	1	1	3	4	1	36	219	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Grace.....	14	185	...	3	5	37	1	20	175	1	3,500	...	...	250	.....	.....
High Street.....	5	438	1	5	9	4	1	35	209	1	30,000	1	10,000	750	.....	1,500
St. Paul.....	12	618	...	4	19	3	1	38	400	1	50,000	1	5,000	400	300	3,000
Tippencanoe City.....	4	243	3	...	...	5	1	25	225	1	15,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Tremont (Westville).....	33	417	...	6	...	3	4	44	450	4	21,500	1	1,200	178	.....	.....
Troy.....	16	617	1	5	6	...	1	36	360	1	15,000	1	5,000	.....	.....	275
Troy Circuit.....	15	302	1	1	2	18	4	40	300	4	6,500	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	21	619	1	5	7	46	1	26	354	1	20,000	1	3,500	100	.....	.....
Grace.....	15	580	3	6	9	21	1	31	400	1	25,000	1	4,000	75	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	9	444	2	6	3	4	3	51	405	3	6,500	1	1,200	100	.....	.....
Favorite Place, Piqua.....	3	35	...	1	...	5	1	9	43	1	1,000	...	.....	10	10	20
Totals.....	429	11,048	28	127	153	335	67	1141	8,633	67	398,800	26	76,900	\$25,916	\$1,160	\$14,375

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers....	Full Members..	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Schools.....	Officers & Tchrs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur. and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Church property.....	Present Indebtedness on Church property.....
Cincinnati.....	710	8837	26	100	257	334	54	1001	8487	55	\$776200	17	\$99300	\$9813	\$7641	\$44038
Dayton.....	503	10540	25	124	173	235	63	1099	8790	65	403000	26	58750	4528	2928	16150
Georgetown.....	376	9601	26	135	86	307	91	1254	8196	95	200100	25	33050	6020	2468	4405
Hillsboro.....	626	11026	24	157	108	465	80	1101	8363	82	236900	27	60450	13783	3806	16760
Springfield.....	429	11048	28	127	153	335	67	1141	8635	67	398800	26	76900	25916	1160	14375
Totals.....	2638	51052	129	613	777	1696	355	5596	42471	364	2015000	121	328450	60060	18003	95728
Totals 1896.....	3172	50623	148	690	873	1708	358	5966	42438	368	2017100	121	313970	90699	17846	97676
Increase	429	33	14480	157
Decrease	534	19	47	96	12	3	370	4	2100	30639	1948

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STATISTICS No. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

J. H. McNARY, Arcanum, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
	No. of Schools..	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers..	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year.
Cincinnati,	55	1,013	8,562	5,902	135	1,146	1,773	563
Dayton,	63	1,099	8,790	5,724	92	1,004	1,422	429
Georgetown,	95	1,254	8,196	5,413	207	1,112	2,081	397
Hillsboro,	78	1,164	8,363	5,275	.....	1,122	1,925	591
Springfield,	67	1,141	8,635	5,656	312	1,093	2,971	542
Totals,	358	5,671	42,546	27,970	746	5,477	10,172	2,522
Totals for 1896,	356	5,966	42,438	27,619	.....	5,379	19,030	2,478
Increase,	2	.....	108	351	.....	98	.....	44
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	295	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,858	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . . .			Am't Ap-portioned.	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.										
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Bond Hill,	L. E. Linzell,	\$600	.....	\$600	\$600	.....	\$600	.....		\$28	\$28	\$6	\$6	\$634	\$15	\$226	\$50
Carthage—Elmwood P'ce,	F. M. Kirgan,	625	.....	625	600	.....	600	\$25		32	24	7	5	629	10	200	100
Cincinnati: Asbury, . .	Edward McHugh, . . .	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....		60	60	14	14	1274	27	450	111
Avondale,	E. O. Buxton,	2000	\$750	2750	2000	\$750	2750	.....		150	150	...	25	2925	75	1550	225
Camp Washington, . {	W. T. Stafford, 9 mo., }	665	.....	665	665	.....	665	.....		21	21	...	...	686	5	182	72
	Jos. Talbot, 3 mo., }																
Christie,	J. R. Colley,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....		60	60	10	10	1270	40	500	119
Clifton,	C. E. Schenk,	1000	420	1420	1000	420	1420	.....		40	40	18	10	1470	35	1220	50
Columbia,	W. A. Deaton,	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	.....		40	40	10	5	1295	10	275	170
Cumminsville,	Creighton Wones, . . .	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....		27	27	...	5	1332	20	400	120
Fairmount,	S. G. Pollard,	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....		28	28	2	2	1070	10	219	112
Finley,	J. A. Geissinger, . . .	600	.....	600	650	.....	650	50		16	16	...	...	666	5	500	75
Linwood,	C. L. Myers,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....		24	24	7	7	731	20	200	40
McKendree,	B. D. Hypes,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....		32	32	10	10	1042	7	300	100
Mt. Auburn,	R. J. Wyckoff,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....		60	60	20	20	1280	61	800	50
Mt. Lookout,	J. W. Gaddis,	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	.....		56	56	14	14	1370	65	336	131
Pendleton,	D. J. Starr,	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....		24	24	5	5	829	10	200	150
Price Hill,	A. C. Turrell,	1200	.....	1200	1000	.....	1200	.....		48	48	8	8	1256	18	450	150
Riverside,	Gervaise Roughton, . .	600	.....	600	275	.....	275	325		16	16	...	...	291	5	100	50
St. John & Pearl Street,	W. H. Spybey,	350	.....	350	328	.....	328	22		12	5	...	...	333	...	.....	36
St. Paul, {	J. M. Meeker, 8 mo., }	1610	1000	2610	1610	1000	2610	.....		170	170	...	37	2817	150	2096	150
	W. H. Spybey, 4 mo., }																
Trinity,	C. W. Gullette,	2000	500	2500	2000	500	2500	.....		135	135	35	35	2670	75	1800	200
Walnut Hills,	G. W. Dubois,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....		250	250	50	50	3800	231	1800	230

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claim-ants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.			Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Cincinnati: Wesley,	J. W. Magruder,	\$1200	\$500	\$1700	\$1200	\$500	\$1700	.....	\$90	\$90	\$26	\$26	\$1816	\$122	\$1720	\$400
York Street,	G. L. Tufts,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	50	50	12	12	1062	45	350	100
Cleves,	W. J. Dunham,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	24	24	4	4	928	2	200	124
Delhi,	Howard Henderson, . .	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	40	40	...	7	1047	32	175	50
Groesbeck,	Henry Hershey,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	24	19	...	...	519	5	100	30
Hartwell,	W. H. Wehrley,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	90	75	18	18	1493	45	450	125
Harrison,	C. T. Crum,	400	100	500	400	100	500	.....	28	28	5	5	533	5	200	30
Lockland—Wyoming, . .	C. W. Barnes,	1500	350	1850	1500	350	1850	.....	100	100	25	25	1975	130	400	214
Loveland—Branch Hill, .	E. S. Gaddis,	625	.....	625	609	.....	609	\$16	28	28	6	2	639	22	175	67
Madisonville,	D. Lee Aultman,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	100	100	24	24	1824	163	953	99
Miami,	S. B. Timmons,	600	.....	600	490	.....	490	110	25	15	...	...	505	1	72	115
Newtown,	A. D. Maddox,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	45	45	10	10	1005	24	220	84
Norwood: First Church,	W. L. Y. Davis,	1036	.....	1036	1036	.....	1036	.....	32	32	8	8	1076	25	190	80
Grace,	M. E. Ketcham,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.. ....	40	40	15	12	1252	30	173	115
Venice (Ross),	W. M. West,	500	60	560	260	60	320	240	28	12	...	...	332	3	150	75
Westwood,	M. M. Kugler,	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	60	60	20	20	1430	230	97	75
Winton Place,	A. B. Austin,	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	.....	45	45	16	16	1261	55	260	65
Cincinnati: Pearl Street,	[David W. Clark,] . . .	336	.....	336	336	.....	336	.....	12	12	...	2	350	3	245	35
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	40047	6770	46817	39359	6770	46129	688	2190	2129	405	459	48817	1836	20934	4374
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	H. W. Bailey,	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	61	61	6	5	841	8	.....	36
Camden and Somerville,	G. L. Travis,	450	100	550	474	100	574	Ex. 24	49	49	11	11	634	23	100	65
Centerville,	P. Trout,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	64	64	14	8	992	38	212	90
Concord (Union),	G. H. Smith,	500	36	536	500	36	536	.....	38	38	8	5	579	20	150	139
Dayton: Broadway, . . .	F. M. Clemans,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	80	80	13	13	1243	30	375	180

Grace,	W. H. Robinson, . .	2000	600	2600	2000	600	2600	.....	182	182	32	32	2814	160	1010	115
Homest'd av. & Riv'dale, . .	A. W. Hook,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	42	42	9	5	647	7	350	60
Raper,	L. E. Prentiss, . . .	1450	300	1750	1450	300	1750	.....	133	133	29	29	1912	70	1121	412
St. Paul,	John Pearson,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	85	86	19	19	1605	70	614	244
Trinity,	J. P. Ninde,	680	120	800	540	120	660	140	56	50	...	...	710	2	144	124
Eaton,	J. L. Shively,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	84	84	18	14	1248	60	501	62
Fair Haven,	I. R. Marshall,	600	50	650	600	50	650	.....	45	45	6	3	698	6	140	40
Fort Jefferson,	O. D. Becker,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	40	40	..	4	594	5	100	97
Franklin,	C. H. Haines,	800	120	920	700	120	820	100	72	72	15	8	878	17	250	80
Germantown,	E. A. Harper,	425	.....	425	425	.....	425	.....	35	35	...	...	460	2	40	.....
Glendale and Sharonville, . .	G. W. Vorhis,	625	.....	625	625	.....	625	.....	47	45	10	5	675	12	85	46
Gordon,	J. W. Lucas,	450	50	500	435	50	485	15	36	36	8	...	521	8	150	100
Hamilton,	J. W. Peters,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	130	130	15	15	1945	30	850	350
Lewisburg,	D. A. McCoin,	500	75	575	484	75	559	16	44	44	6	4	607	5	100	100
Miamisburg,	J. S. Pumphrey,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	84	84	18	18	1302	55	321	97
Middletown,	William Runyan,	1100	150	1250	1100	150	1250	.....	87	87	5	5	1342	21	350	75
Monroe,	J. H. McNary,	775	125	900	775	125	900	.....	65	65	12	6	971	15	150	50
New Paris,	M. F. Hawley,	440	60	500	390	60	450	50	39	39	...	1	490	2	80	30
Osborn,	W. M. Patton,	600	110	710	600	110	710	.....	49	49	11	2	761	5	195	227
Oxford,	J. P. Porter,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	91	91	20	10	1381	42	450	85
Port Union (Stockton), . .	W. M. Coffman,	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	50	50	...	4	774	16	120	50
Red Lion,	J. W. Patton,	500	50	550	495	50	545	5	38	36	8	7	517	6	80	10
Seven Mile,	J. H. Lease,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	9	9	761	22	140	40
Springboro,	J. McK. Shultz,	450	50	500	425	50	475	25	38	33	8	3	511	5	74	44
Walker & Union (Reiley), . .	[A. K. Stabler,]	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	35	35	8	2	537	4	75	25
West Alexandria,	C. L. Chapman,	500	63	563	500	63	563	.....	41	41	9	...	604	3	114	84
West Carrollton,	J. T. Bail,	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	50	50	10	6	776	26	78	82
West Chester,	H. C. Hutchinson, . . .	300	100	400	300	100	400	.....	28	.....	...	...	400	.....	75	50
West Elkton,	J. A. Jenkinson, . . .	425	.....	425	420	.....	420	5	28	28	...	...	448	.....	100	100
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	25270	4024	29294	25038	4024	28962	332	2099	2056	331	253	31178	795	8694	3389
1897 GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Aberdeen,	C. W. Horn,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	61	61	7	5	766	12	120	65
Amelia,	C. D. Munsey,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	65	65	8	5	820	20	144	81
Batavia,	G. V. Morris,	800	120	920	800	120	920	74	74	8	8	1002	50	300	105
Bethel,	A. G. Newton,	475	60	535	424	60	484	51	49	39	7	6	529	82	56

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amt't Ap- portioned	Amount Paid.	Amt't Ap- portioned.			Amount Paid . . .	Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Butlerville (Edenton), . .	S. A. Stephan, . . .	\$360	.....	\$360	\$332	.....	\$332	\$28	\$36	\$25	\$5	\$3	\$360	\$3	\$125	\$45
Centenary (Mulberry), . .	W. R. Buckles, . . .	500	\$50	550	429	\$50	479	21	48	45	5	4	528	7	160	55
Chilo,	W. S. Gray,	500	.....	500	485	.....	485	15	44	41	5	5	531	5	65	55
Decatur,	T. G. Williams, . . .	600	50	650	500	50	550	100	51	51	6	5	606	5	130	100
Feesburg,	J. H. Davis,	600	75	675	475	75	550	125	56	42	6	5	597	9	60	40
Felicity,	E. T. Lane,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	63	63	7	...	763	16	175	75
Georgetown,	C. F. Enyart,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	74	74	10	10	904	54	171	90
Goshen,	G. S. Easton,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	53	53	6	6	734	25	125	80
Laurel,	C. H. Kalbfus, . . .	550	36	586	451	36	487	99	56	47	6	5	539	.....	228	68
Lebanon,	Edmund Burdsall, . .	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	100	100	8	8	1308	53	465	95
Lebanon Circuit, . . . .	.....	220	.....	220	220	.....	220	.....	22	22	...	...	242	.....	.....	.....
Maineville,	J. S. Whitney, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	53	45	10	2	747	10	150	50
Manchester,	T. D. Moore,	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	65	61	7	3	764	18	150	100
Marathon,	[U. S. Brown,] . . .	450	24	474	418	24	442	32	43	43	5	4	489	7	145	82
Mason,	W. G. Warner, . . .	800	150	950	525	150	675	225	72	46	...	...	721	8	130	75
Milford,	J. W. Mason,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	110	110	10	10	1400	80	325	150
Moscow,	J. D. Darling, . . .	603	72	675	624	72	696	Ex. 21	60	60	7	7	763	15	200	125
Mt. Washington,	C. L. Mackey,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	52	52	7	...	652	.....	86	31
New Richmond,	W. J. Baker,	600	100	700	565	100	665	35	54	51	8	5	721	14	200	60
Owensville—Newtonville,	J. R. Hunter,	550	65	615	550	65	615	.....	54	52	...	2	669	2	175	110
Peebles,	T. P. Walter,	600	100	700	554	100	654	46	58	55	6	5	714	30	150	114
Pleas't R'ge—Montgom'y,	D. W. C. Washburn, .	650	150	800	525	150	675	125	62	40	7	2	717	3	125	34
Ripley,	J. E. Abrams,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	80	80	10	10	1140	39	250	35
Summerside,	W. E. Spurrier, . . .	550	75	625	510	75	585	40	56	46	7	6	637	10	152	120
West Union,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	57	57	8	8	725	16	80	40
Williamsburg,	G. M. Fulton, . . .	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	57	57	8	8	665	27	100	75
Williamsburg Circuit, . .	(H. O. Collins,) . . .	450	.....	450	392	.....	392	58	50	40	5	5	437	2	175	100
Totals, . . . . .	.....	19008	2512	21520	17829	2512	20341	1100	1835	1697	199	152	22190	540	4943	2330

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Belfast,	G. T. Perry,	600	100	700	567	100	667	33	56	53	10	10	730	5	220	64
Blanchester,	A. Hamilton,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	40	40	10	10	870	10	200	100
Bowersville,	C. C. Peale,	600	75	675	610	75	685	Ex. 10	53	53	9	9	747	30	115	48
Clarksville,	L. O. Deputy,	600	60	660	600	60	660	.....	52	47	9	9	716	28	125	90
Greenfield,	M. LeSourd,	1400	120	1520	1400	120	1520	.....	106	106	19	19	1645	100	425	290
Highland,	J. E. H. Sentman,	750	100	850	701	100	801	49	59	55	11	8	864	20	185	105
Hillsboro,	H. D. Ketcham,	1400	200	1600	1400	200	1600	.....	175	175	23	23	1798	95	452	101
Jamestown,	Jas. Stephenson,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	70	70	13	10	1100	40	250	66
Leesburg,	H. C. Middleton,	750	150	900	717	150	867	33	63	60	11	10	937	20	155	60
Lynchburg,	John Wilson,	730	150	880	690	150	840	40	63	60	10	9	909	30	200	175
Martinsville,	J. S. Ruggles,	550	75	625	530	75	605	20	40	38	5	4	647	13	160	60
Morrow,	D. D. Cheney,	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	56	56	9	8	789	16	104	58
Mt. Orab,	J. A. Winkler,	600	100	700	543	100	643	57	47	42	10	6	691	5	160	87
New Burlington,	U. G. Humphrey,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	63	63	12	12	975	64	220	119
New Jasper,	R. S. McCollm,	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	59	55	11	7	812	8	150	75
New Vienna,	J. A. Easton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	49	49	12	12	861	20	185	75
Rainsboro,	W. P. Jackson,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	52	52	11	11	763	22	280	172
Sabina,	G. P. Austin,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	63	63	11	11	1024	20	235	75
Sinking Spring,	B. F. Oswald,	500	50	550	475	50	525	25	40	35	7	7	567	15	150	60
South Lebanon,	[J. M. Roberts,]	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	40	6	5	645	5	75	25
Sugar Tree Ridge,	E. L. Hollingsworth,	400	50	450	360	50	410	40	42	42	6	6	458	10	167	85
Union (Spring Valley),	Frank Leever,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	63	63	11	11	1074	24	236	100
Waynesville,	A. T. Cowgill,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	64	64	8	8	1022	18	200	80
Wilmington,	A. N. Spahr,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	84	84	13	13	1297	80	235	68
Winchester,	J. F. McCollm,	700	100	800	595	100	695	105	59	54	11	11	760	15	135	128
Xenia: First Church,	J. J. McCabe,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	126	126	23	23	1949	87	802	114
Trinity,	C. M. Van Pelt,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	105	105	19	19	1624	60	475	131
Hillsboro Circuit,	[John Naylor,] . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	I	.....	.....
Totals,		21180	3495	24675	20738	3495	24233	442	1839	1750	310	291	26274	861	6296	2611

1897 SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Arcanum,	J. L. Dalbey,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	9	9	874	149	150	101
Brandt,	[C. F. B. Runyan,]	400	60	460	400	60	460	.....	35	35	5	3	498	10	100	60
Catawba,	S. W. Campbell,	700	100	800	700	100	800	65	65	10	10	875	35	275	70
Cedarville,	F. E. Vance,	700	150	850	700	150	850	40	40	5	3	893	15	200	180

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		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Apportioned.	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc..			S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.		
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Christiansburg,	W. L. Spence,	\$500	\$60	\$560	\$405	\$60	\$465	\$95	\$35	\$32	\$6	\$6	\$503	\$10	\$60	\$30
Covington,	John E. Beery,	500	130	630	500	130	630	.....	25	25	...	...	655	.....	50	50
Dialton,	W. A. Wiant,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	45	45	10	10	805	28	220	127
Greenville,	Chas. L. Conger,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	90	90	10	8	1298	40	418	166
King's Creek,	Thos. Cundy,	420	100	520	380	100	480	40	35	35	...	4	519	4	150	75
Mechanicsburg,	E. H. Cherington,	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	80	80	...	10	1390	45	360	131
Mutual,	C. W. Briggs,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	40	40	10	9	712	10	167	88
New Carlisle,	C. W. Elliott,	700	100	800	606	100	706	94	65	54	8	7	767	28	171	65
New Moorefield,	L. M. Davis,	635	100	735	600	100	700	35	60	49	10	10	759	10	280	85
Piqua: Grace,	David Herr,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	50	50	10	6	906	25	379	167
Greene Street,	F. G. Mitchell,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	140	140	20	20	2160	80	304	156
South Charleston,	D. C. Vance,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	75	75	10	10	1085	25	255	70
South Charleston Circuit,	D. S. Ewry,	550	100	650	500	100	600	50	40	31	10	4	635	5	150	60
Springfield: Central,	V. F. Brown,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	15	15	2150	68	550	269
Clifton Ave.,	J. P. Shultz,	500	144	644	500	144	644	.....	20	20	10	7	671	16	248	88
Grace,	E. M. Ellsworth,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	10	10	1	1	611	8	170	60
High Street,	J. A. Story,	1600	600	2200	1600	600	2200	.....	135	135	20	20	2355	100	1200	160
St. Paul,	Paul C. Curnick,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	20	20	2155	75	1200	150
Tippecanoe City,	J. R. Hill,	600	120	720	600	120	720	.....	50	50	5	5	775	20	150	75
Tremont City (Westville),	J. A. White,	700	96	796	700	96	796	.....	75	75	10	10	881	57	320	140
Troy,	S. O. Royal,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	115	115	20	20	1835	126	340	200
Troy Circuit,	O. M. Sellers,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	40	40	7	7	847	25	170	50
Urbana: First Church,	M. B. Fuller,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	130	130	12	12	1642	96	942	234
Grace,	J. G. Vaughan,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	120	120	15	15	1535	100	700	200
Yellow Springs,	R. K. Deem,	800	100	900	658	100	758	142	55	48	10	5	811	25	200	176
Favorite Place, Piqua,	[L. Wright,]	56	.....	56	56	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	...	...	56	.....	52	18
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	25011	5085	29996	24458	5085	29540	456	2005	1964	278	266	31888	1235	9931	3491

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders & Bishops.	Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid . . .			Church: Sex-ton Light Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.									
Cincinnati, . . .	\$40,047	\$6,770	\$46,817	\$39,359	\$6,770	\$46,129	\$688	\$2,190	\$2,129	\$405	\$459	\$48,817	\$1,836	\$20,934	\$4,174
Dayton,	25,270	4,024	29,294	25,038	4,024	28,962	332	2,099	2,056	331	253	31,178	795	8,694	3,389
Georgetown, . . .	19,008	2,512	21,520	17,829	2,512	20,341	1,100	1,835	1,697	199	152	22,190	540	4,943	2,330
Hillsboro,	21,180	3,495	24,675	20,738	3,495	24,233	456	1,839	1,750	310	291	26,274	861	6,296	2,611
Springfield, . . .	25,011	5,085	29,996	24,458	5,085	29,540	468	2,005	1,964	278	266	31,888	1,235	9,931	3,491
Totals,	130,516	21,886	152,302	127,422	21,886	149,205	3,018	9,968	9,596	1,523	1,421	160,347	5,267	50,798	15,995
Totals, 1896, . .	136,580	23,033	159,613	133,725	23,033	156,758	2,855	10,063	9,692	1,597	1,418	.....	5,385	49,033	16,006
Increase, . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	163	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1,765	.....
Decrease,	6,064	1,147	7,311	6,303	1,147	7,553	.....	95	96	74	.....	.....	118	.....	11

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension. . . .	Sunday-school Union. . . .	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & South- Ed Soc. . . .	EDUCATION		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Total Other Benevolent Collections .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Conference Claimants .	Episcopal Fund. . . .
	Church .	Sunday- school .	Total . .					Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund. .							
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Bond Hill,	\$30	.....	\$30	\$2	\$1	.....	\$2	\$2	.....	\$1	\$37	.....	\$5	.....	\$15	\$6
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	13	\$12	25	2	.....	.....	2	.....	\$1	.....	28	\$101	.....	.....	10	5
Cincinnati: Asbury,	75	60	135	12	5	\$5	16	.....	1	5	16	67	47	.....	27	14
Avondale,	230	41	271	45	8	7	73	10	12	15	360	300	5,146	.....	75	25
Camp Washington,	10	12	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	57	1	2	.....	5	.....
Christie,	55	20	75	5	2	2	5	.....	2	1	11	175	163	.....	40	10
Clifton,	75	20	95	10	10	2	9	5	3	10	200	26	598	.....	35	10
Columbia,	11	39	50	4	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	52	.....	27	.....	10	5
Cumminsville,	20	15	35	2	1	1	2	2	2	.....	55	103	31	.....	20	5
Fairmount, . . . . .	.....	40	40	6	1	1	.....	.....	2	.....	72	3	.....	.....	10	2
Finley,	14	6	20	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Linwood,	30	17	47	.....	2	1	10	2	.....	2	11	16	111	.....	20	7
McKendree,	35	25	60	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	7	10
Mt. Auburn,	92	44	136	25	6	5	27	.....	14	8	81	110	239	.....	60	20
Mt. Lookout,	148	72	220	30	2	2	35	8	3	5	180	237	229	.....	65	14
Pendleton, . . . . .	.....	45	45	10	1	1	10	1	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	10	5
Price Hill,	49	21	70	7	1	1	8	.....	8	2	67	166	239	.....	18	8
Riverside,	4	7	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
St. John, . . . . .	.....	9	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul,	205	45	250	10	5	5	30	5	.....	15	168	231	571	.....	150	37
*Trinity,	156	29	185	20	3	3	15	5	.....	.....	482	792	860	.....	75	35
Walnut Hills,	587	428	1,015	95	22	17	123	40	12	17	736	1,224	1,071	231	50
Wesley,	570	71	641	100	15	20	100	22	14	20	203	6	750	122	26

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York Street,	55	25	80	10	1	1	15	1	1	50	100	154	45	12
Cleves,	21	4	25	1	1	2	2	4
Delhi,	60	17	77	2	1	1	14	4	15	32	7
Groesbeck,	12	8	20	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Hartwell,	65	55	120	10	1	1	9	.....	14	1	69	154	32	.....	45	18
Harrison,	30	5	35	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Lockland and Wyoming,	426	54	480	50	2	.....	173	.....	5	2	393	.....	764	.....	130	25
Loveland and Branch Hill,	58	37	95	11	3	4	15	3	11	12	5	5	10	.....	22	2
Madisonville,	165	150	315	36	8	5	34	10	6	10	248	.....	259	.....	163	24
Miami,	11	6	17	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Newtown,	40	13	53	5	1	1	5	3	2	1	35	.....	.....	.....	24	10
Norwood: First Church,	25	35	60	7	1	1	22	1	.....	1	38	3	2	.....	25	8
Grace,	35	27	62	13	3	2	10	.....	7	3	.....	191	557	.....	30	12
Venice,	5	.....	5	2	1	1	2	.....	2	1	.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....
Westwood,	889	25	914	275	58	59	503	.....	118	105	138	.....	1464	.....	230	20
Winton Place,	130	.....	130	16	3	3	16	8	8	5	74	157	100	.....	55	16
Cincinnati: Pearl Street,	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	3	2
Totals,	4,443	1,539	5,982	825	169	156	1,293	131	259	246	3,911	4,170	13,469	.....	1,835	459
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany,	134	6	140	4	1	1	4	1	4	1	19	.....	14	.....	8	5
Camden and Somerville,	27	17	44	5	1	1	23	.....	8	1	11	.....	3	.....	23	11
Centerville,	100	30	130	20	2	2	10	2	4	2	37	.....	.....	.....	44	8
Concord (Union),	24	.....	24	5	1	1	7	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	20	5
Dayton: *Broadway,	149	65	214	12	3	3	15	4	10	3	58	291	210	.....	30	13
Grace,	415	115	530	30	5	5	60	.....	17	15	123	397	186	.....	160	32
Homestead Ave.—Riverdale,	20	10	30	1	1	1	6	.....	4	1	.....	.....	24	.....	7	5
Raper,	222	278	500	74	6	6	30	109	22	5	167	354	275	.....	70	29
St. Paul,	215	123	338	60	3	3	39	15	8	5	†351	93	226	.....	70	19
Trinity,	2	5	7	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Eaton,	144	46	190	25	3	3	25	2	4	9	120	64	78	.....	60	14
Fair Haven,	47	25	72	5	1	1	15	.....	3	1	5	.....	42	.....	6	3
Fort Jefferson,	19	3	22	1	.....	1	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4
Franklin,	38	20	58	5	2	2	26	2	4	3	25	.....	6	.....	17	8
Germantown,	2	10	12	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	2	.....

* W. F. M. S.—Received from Mrs. Maria Neff Estate, \$500; Deaconess Circle, Christ's Hospital, \$50; Sarah W. Gaddis, \$30; Other Special Gifts, \$20.

† This includes a special gift of \$100.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conf. Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.					Public Educatl Collec'n.	Child'n's Fund.							
Glendale and Sharonville,	\$35	\$10	\$45	\$8	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$1	\$8	\$1	.....	.....	\$3	.....	\$12	\$5
Gordon,	40	.....	40	1	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
Hamilton,	40	60	100	20	2	2	30	.....	10	5	\$122	.....	39	.....	30	15
Lewisburg,	16	4	20	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	\$17	.....	.....	5	4
Miamisburg,	125	75	200	10	4	4	50	.....	13	.....	61	49	56	.....	55	18
Middletown,	66	20	86	8	2	3	15	2	3	.....	21	117	.....	.....	21	5
Monroe,	40	10	50	3	.....	.....	1	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	15	6
New Paris,	2	.....	2	1	1	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1
Osborn,	21	19	40	1	1	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	5	2
Oxford,	122	18	140	10	2	2	25	5	5	11	51	23	28	.....	42	10
Port Union (Stockton),	25	10	35	9	1	1	23	.....	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	4
Red Lion,	25	5	30	3	.....	.....	10	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	7
Seven Mile,	44	15	59	15	1	1	12	1	2	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	9
Springboro,	15	5	20	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	5	3
Walker—Union (Reiley),	9	6	15	2	1	1	2	.....	5	1	.....	.....	2	.....	4	2
West Alexandria,	6	.....	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3	.....
West Carrollton,	58	5	63	5	1	1	26	.....	3	1	80	.....	6	.....	26	6
West Chester,	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton,	10	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	2,262	1,015	3,277	350	48	50	478	144	168	76	1,295	1,446	1,204	.....	801	253
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen,	40	10	50	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	5
Amelia,	53	7	60	9	1	1	4	1	7	1	2	.....	.....	.....	20	5
Batavia,	65	15	80	8	1	1	8	.....	5	1	.....	.....	38	.....	50	8

Bethel	16	2	18	2	1	.....	2	.....	2	1	.....	.....	4	.....	3	6
Butlerville (Edenton),	24	1	25	1	.....	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3
Centenary (Mulberry),	10	6	16	2	.....	2	2	2	6	1	1	1	9	3	7	4
Chilo,	20	5	25	2	.....	.....	2	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	5	5
Decatur,	92	.....	92	5	1	1	5	2	5	1	22	.....	6	.....	5	5
Feesburg,	36	8	44	4	1	2	3	.....	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	5
Felicity,	13	7	20	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	18	.....	21	.....	16	.....
Georgetown,	152	18	170	15	3	3	15	2	16	4	18	.....	10	.....	54	10
Goshen,	75	66	141	6	1	2	7	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	6
Laurel,	35	.....	35	5	1	1	5	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	5
Lebanon,	100	70	170	15	5	5	10	3	6	4	96	.....	.....	.....	53	8
Lebanon Circuit,	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1
Maineville,	21	17	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2
Manchester,	18	12	30	2	.....	.....	2	.....	5	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	18	3
Marathon,	37	6	43	2	1	2	2	.....	1	1	16	.....	.....	.....	7	4
Mason,	14	6	20	2	1	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
Milford,	162	38	200	17	2	2	16	.....	4	2	68	28	20	.....	80	10
Moscow,	60	15	75	8	2	2	5	3	9	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	15	7
Mt. Washington,	42	19	61	5	1	1	5	.....	9	1	.....	7	.....	.....	10	.....
New Richmond,	36	10	46	3	.....	.....	3	.....	6	.....	1	.....	40	.....	14	5
Owensville—Newtonsville,	25	15	40	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
Peebles,	76	26	102	10	2	2	10	5	12	2	.....	.....	10	.....	30	5
Pleasant Ridge—Montgomery,	10	8	18	2	1	1	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2
Ripley,	69	25	94	3	.....	1	6	.....	.....	1	11	1	14	.....	39	10
*Summerside,	50	20	70	7	1	1	7	1	2	1	5	.....	.....	.....	10	6
West Union,	50	.....	50	10	1	.....	9	.....	7	2	.....	.....	1	.....	16	8
Williamsburg,	60	15	75	4	1	1	4	5	10	1	.....	.....	4	.....	27	8
Williamsburg Circuit,	12	3	15	4	.....	1	4	.....	2	.....	1	1	3	1	2	5
Pastors of Georgetown Dist. at Conf.,	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	1,478	450	1,953	159	30	37	150	33	153	31	285	31	191	4	578	153
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast,	80	5	85	5	1	1	3	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10
Blanchester,	10	15	25	4	1	.....	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	100	.....	10	10
Bowersville,	97	8	105	12	2	2	15	2	18	2	.....	.....	5	.....	30	9

*\$5 for G. S. Miner, Foochow China.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.													
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension . . .	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conf. Expenses. . .
	Church.	Sunday- school.	Total. . .					Public Educ'n Collec'n	Child'n's Fund. .					
Clarksville,	\$40	\$20	\$60	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$12	\$4	\$6	\$1	\$13	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield,*	210	120	330	20	8	6	15	7	5	52	115	\$131	\$125	.....
Highland,	45	20	65	7	1	1	5	1	6	1	80	.....	7	.....
Hillsboro,	274	126	400	35	2	2	20	4	4	5	81	112	52	.....
Hillsboro Circuit,	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown,	50	100	150	10	2	2	5	1	4	3	56	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg,	38	18	56	7	3	2	17	6	8	3	21	13	20	.....
Lynchburg,	105	15	120	7	2	2	8	3	.....	2	34	.....	5	.....
Martinsville,	31	11	42	7	2	2	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrow,	46	11	57	7	3	3	4	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Orab,	31	9	40	2	2	1	14	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Burlington,	226	20	246	40	4	5	57	.....	10	9	.....	.....	33	.....
New Jasper,	66	.....	66	2	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Vienna,	85	10	95	3	1	1	3	.....	5	1	68	.....	.....	.....
Rainsboro,	100	20	120	12	1	1	8	2	4	1	18	.....	.....	.....
Sabina,	41	34	75	5	1	1	5	.....	13	1	.....	.....	17	.....
Sinking Spring,	53	22	75	5	1	1	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon,	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	121	4	125	1	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union (Spring Valley),	88	34	122	10	1	1	10	4	11	1	54	.....	2	.....
Waynesville,	50	20	70	2	1	1	2	1	.....	1	36	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington,	150	50	200	15	2	2	15	5	5	5	78	.....	15	.....
Winchester,	40	20	60	7	3	3	7	1	3	1	.....	.....	3	.....
Xenia—First Church,	325	105	430	30	6	4	31	20	10	22	70	100	232	.....
Trinity,	154	50	204	15	1	1	17	.....	5	7	57	137	17	.....
Totals,	1,565	872	3,437	276	54	48	290	62	139	127	781	493	633	.....
													867	291

* Greenfield to Missions at Conference, \$24.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Arcanum,	63	17	80	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	37	....	1	....	9	9
Brandt,	20	7	27	3	1	1	6	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	10	3
Catawba,	130	50	180	10	2	2	40	5	23	1	5	....	....	....	35	10
Cedarville,	40	20	60	3	1	1	3	....	3	30	....	....	90	....	15	3
Christiansburg,	76	4	80	2	1	1	3	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	10	6
Covington,	20	5	25	2	....	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....
Dialton,	183	2	185	7	1	1	5	1	6	1	10	....	....	....	28	10
Greenville,	56	12	68	3	1	1	3	4	4	1	3	....	39	....	40	8
King's Creek,	20	....	20	2	2	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	4	4
Mechanicsburg,	105	96	201	10	2	2	10	2	4	....	34	15	10	....	45	10
Mutual,	29	18	47	4	2	2	18	4	10	2	3	....	19	....	10	9
New Carlisle,	43	30	73	9	1	1	7	....	1	1	....	....	2	....	28	7
New Moorefield,	75	10	85	8	1	1	8	1	5	1	....	....	3	....	10	10
Piqua: Grace,	40	40	80	10	....	....	20	....	7	10	44	54	10	....	25	6
Greene Street,	330	70	400	32	2	4	65	....	7	28	113	160	60	....	80	20
South Charleston,	124	36	160	14	2	3	8	1	4	6	22	11	14	....	25	10
South Charleston Circuit,	40	10	50	....	....	1	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	5	4
Springfield—Central,	221	179	400	41	7	10	45	12	28	9	127	163	50	....	68	15
Clifton Avenue,	10	32	42	2	1	1	2	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	16	7
Grace,	17	3	20	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	1
High Street,	315	85	400	30	5	5	30	....	15	5	165	300	200	....	100	20
St. Paul,	268	82	350	20	1	1	20	....	7	1	91	403	77	....	75	20
Tippecanoe City,	71	14	85	8	2	2	7	....	6	1	....	....	8	....	20	5
Tremont City (Westville),	101	7	108	21	2	2	18	....	9	1	17	....	24	....	57	10
Troy,	356	200	556	49	2	2	60	6	188	26	86	177	396	....	126	20
Troy Circuit,	81	4	85	10	1	1	13	2	25	1	....	....	3	....	25	7
Urbana—First Church,	380	110	490	45	5	6	40	7	16	5	150	160	....	....	96	12
Grace,	350	100	450	30	10	10	30	50	7	....	109	280	....	....	100	15
Yellow Springs,	68	34	102	10	4	4	10	4	10	4	48	25	9	....	25	5
Favored Place, Piqua, . . . . .	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals,	3,632	1,277	4,909	388	60	66	477	103	399	137	1,064	1,748	1,015	....	1,098	266

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.													
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conf. Expenses.
	Church..	Sunday-School.	Total..					Public Edu'nal Collec'n	Childr'n's Fund.					
Cincinnati,	\$4,443	\$1,539	\$5,982	\$825	\$169	\$156	\$1,293	\$131	\$259	\$246	\$3,911	\$4,170	\$13,469	.....
Dayton,	2,262	1,015	3,277	350	48	50	478	144	168	76	1,295	1,446	1,204	.....
Georgetown,	1,503	450	1,953	159	30	37	150	33	153	31	285	31	191	4
Hillsboro,	1,565	872	3,437	276	54	48	290	61	139	127	781	493	633	.....
Springfield,	3,632	1,277	4,909	388	60	66	477	103	399	137	1,064	1,748	1,015	.....
Totals,	13,405	5,153	19,558	1,998	361	357	2,688	472	1,118	617	7,336	7,888	16,512	4
Totals for 1896,	14,751	5,621	20,382	1,998	363	353	2,335	519	1,201	574	7,125	6,421	11,961	463
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	353	.....	.....	43	211	1,467	4,551	.....
Decrease,	1,346	468	824	.....	2	.....	.....	47	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	459

CIRCUIT REPORTS OF PASTORS' SALARIES.

N. B.—The name in SMALL CAPS is the name of the charge, and the sums opposite indicate the amount estimated and paid by each appointment.

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			DAYTON—Continued.		
PLEASANT RIDGE,	\$400	\$431	Hollansburg,	\$150	\$135
Montgomery,	125	80	Jaysville,	125	125
Rossmoyne,	110	70	New Madison,	75	75
Brecon,	165	95	GLENDAL,	375	375
CARTHAGE,	260	260	Sharonville,	250	250
Elmwood Place,	340	340	GORDON, . . . .	.....	.....
CLEVES,	600	600	Baltimore, . . . .	.....	.....
Addyston,	300	300	Sonora, . . . .	.....	.....
GROESBECK,	300	300	LEWISBURG,	300	300
Asbury,	200	200	Brookville,	120	120
LOVELAND,	450	450	Pymont,	80	64
Branch Hill,	100	84	MONROE,	700	700
Concord,	75	75	Amanda,	75	75
MIAMI,	250	212	NEW PARIS,	225	225
Ebenezer,	130	123	New Hope,	50	50
Mt. Hope,	125	83	Gettysburg,	90	90
Shiloh,	100	73	OSBORN,	300	300
NEWTOWN,	185	185	Enon,	150	150
Camp Dennison,	185	185	Fairfield,	170	170
Armstrong Chapel,	225	225	Medway,	150	150
Miamiville,	100	100	PORT UNION, . . . .	.....	.....
Madeira,	165	165	Princeton, . . . .	.....	.....
VENICE,	33	33	Valley Chapel, . . . .	.....	.....
New Haven,	140	140	SEVEN MILE,	475	475
Okeana,	100	100	Darttown,	175	175
			WALKER, . . . .	.....	.....
			Union, . . . .	.....	.....
			WEST CHESTER, . . . .	.....	.....
			Tylersville, . . . .	.....	.....
DAYTON DISTRICT.			WEST ELKTON,	125	120
BETHANY,	\$650	\$650	Winchester,	75	75
Auburn,	50	50	Macedonia,	85	90
CAMDEN,	274	274	Pleasant Hill,	60	55
Somerville,	250	250	Simonson's Chapel,	80	80
CENTERVILLE,	600	600			
Bellebrook,	180	180	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.		
Lytle,	106	106	ABERDEEN,	\$210	\$220
CONCORD,	175	175	Bradyville,	135	135
Ebenezer,	190	190	Fitch Chapel,	120	120
Union,	98	98	Ebenezer,	135	125
Bethany,	75	75	AMELIA,	330	330
FAIR HAVEN,	400	400	Locust Corner, . . . .	.....	.....
Sugar Valley,	255	255	Union,	95	95
FORT JEFFERSON,	200	200			

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
GEORGETOWN—Continued.			GEORGETOWN—Continued.		
Withamsville,	\$50	\$50	Calvary,	\$200	\$200
BETHEL,	200	200	Neville,	114	125
Clermont Chapel,	60	60	Pt. Pleasant,	141	141
Lakin,	100	100	OWENSVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Olive,	40	40	Belfast, . . . . .	.....	.....
Old Bethel,	75	75	Maple Grove, . . . . .	.....	.....
BUTLERVILLE,	120	120	Newtonville, . . . . .	.....	.....
Edenton,	100	100	PEEBLES, . . . . .	.....	.....
McKendree,	50	50	Dunkinsville, . . . . .	.....	.....
Wesley,	125	125	Locust Grove, . . . . .	.....	.....
CENTENARY,	154	105	Jacksonville, . . . . .	.....	.....
Mt. Zion,	104	80	SUMMERSIDE,	218	183
Perintown,	104	104	Asbury,	168	168
Pleasant Hill,	164	164	Olive Branch,	168	158
Olive,	77	71	Salem,	59	59
CHILO,	200	200	WEST UNION,	300	304
Cedron,	135	147	Liberty,	175	179
Higginsport,	75	75	Union,	50	40
McKendree,	90	75	Stone,	75	76
DECATUR,	241	215	WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Cherry Fork,	140	140	Salem,	90	90
Eckmansville,	109	62	Clover,	101	101
Russellville,	169	129	Branch Hill,	67	45
FEESBURG,	89	69	Afton,	101	101
Eden,	335	250	Concord,	90	55
Mt. Zion,	107	77			
Pisgah,	140	140	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.		
FELICITY,	475	475	BELFAST,	\$150	150
Point Isabel,	125	125	Louisville,	150	136
GEORGETOWN,	480	485	Flat Run,	90	90
Freesoil,	115	115	Folsom,	60	37
Hilman's,	105	100	London,	150	150
GOSHEN, . . . . .	.....	.....	Prospect,	80	67
Charleston, . . . . .	.....	.....	BLANCHESTER, . . . . .	.....	.....
Pleasant Plain, . . . . .	.....	.....	Midland City, . . . . .	.....	.....
LAUREL,	210	210	BOWERSVILLE,	225	228
Franklin,	100	55	Center,	277	280
Mt. Pisgah,	130	130	Hawes,	109	111
Spring Grove,	110	62	Zion,	51	53
LEBANON CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....	CLARKSVILLE,	277	277
Roach Chester, . . . . .	.....	.....	Union,	74	74
Fort Ancient, . . . . .	.....	.....	Olive Branch,	196	196
Shiloh, . . . . .	.....	.....	Kansas,	107	107
Merrittstown, . . . . .	.....	.....	Hillsboro Circuit, . . . . .	.....	.....
MAINEVILLE, . . . . .	.....	.....	LEESBURG, . . . . .	.....	.....
Zoar, . . . . .	.....	.....	Olive Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....
MARATHON,	166	172	East Monroe, . . . . .	.....	.....
Burdall,	100	100	MARTINSVILLE,	102	98
Fayetteville,	78	78	Westboro,	150	155
Greenberry,	78	72	Morrisville,	150	155
Taylor's Chapel,	77	48	Mt. Pleasant,	69	71
MASON, . . . . .	.....	.....	Webertown,	79	51
Socialville, . . . . .	.....	.....	Mt. ORAB,	215	154
Union, . . . . .	.....	.....	New Hope,	65	59
MOSCOW,	220	230	Sardinia,	205	205

APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Estimate	Paid.....
HILLSBORO—Continued.			SPRINGFIELD—Continued.		
Shiloh,	\$115	\$115	CATAWBA, . . . . .	.....	.....
Lynchburg,	315	315	Fletcher, . . . . .	.....	.....
Dunn's Chapel,	200	159	Nation Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....
Dodsworth,	155	126	Pleasant Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....
Russell,	150	150	CEDARVILLE,	\$600	\$600
NEW BURLINGTON,	270	270	Clifton,	100	100
Lumberton,	230	230	CHRISTIANSBURG,	185	155
Sharon,	250	250	Beech Grove,	80	80
Zoar,	110	110	McKendree,	190	145
NEW LEXINGTON, . . . . .	.....	.....	Wesley,	80	60
Clear Creek, . . . . .	.....	.....	COVINGTON,	410	410
Memphis, . . . . .	.....	.....	Pleasant Hill,	90	40
Samantha, . . . . .	.....	.....	DIALTON (Newson),	320	320
NEW JASPER,	523	523	Asbury,	200	200
Mt. Tabor,	82	82	Grafton,	70	70
White Chapel,	95	95	Simms,	115	115
NEW VIENNA, . . . . .	.....	.....	KING'S CREEK,	238	238
Auburn, . . . . .	.....	.....	Cable,	136	116
West Chapel, . . . . .	.....	.....	Local Chapel,	80	60
RAINSBORO,	248	248	MUTUAL,	195	195
Marshall,	160	160	Union,	193	193
New Boston,	66	66	Irwin,	90	90
New Petersburg,	126	88	Fountain Park,	100	100
SINKING SPRING,	225	225	Treacle's Creek,	60	60
Carmel,	170	150	NEW CARLISLE,	550	471
Conaway,	30	25	Donnelsville,	150	135
Pisgah,	80	75	NEW MOOREFIELD,	135	100
SUGAR TREE RIDGE,	135	135	Moorefield Chapel,	175	175
Buford,	105	105	Asbury,	170	170
Danville,	40	40	Fletcher,	155	155
Fairfax,	45	45	SOUTH CHARLESTON, . . . . .	.....	.....
New Market,	45	45	Selma, . . . . .	.....	.....
Wesley,	80	50	SOUTH CHARLESTON CIRC'T	.....	.....
UNION,	266	266	Brighton,	85	85
Gladys,	178	178	Vienna Cross Roads,	175	150
Mt. Holley,	69	69	Pancake Chapel,	175	175
Richland,	162	162	South Solon,	115	100
Spring Valley,	231	231	Williams Chapel,	150	140
WAYNESVILLE,	730	730	TREMONT CITY,	192	192
Harveysburg,	150	150	Concord,	393	395
Winchester, . . . . .	.....	.....	Terre Haute,	117	117
Emerald, . . . . .	.....	.....	Westville,	177	177
Mt. Olive, . . . . .	.....	.....	TROY CIRCUIT, . . . . .	.....	.....
Seaman's, . . . . .	.....	.....	Casstown,	225	225
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			Bethel,	160	160
BRANDT,	\$90	\$90	Raper,	160	160
Palmer,	115	115	West Milton,	155	155
Pisgah,	120	120	YELLOW SPRINGS,	600	497
Wayne,	75	75	Emory Chapel,	125	86
			Old Town,	75	75

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

IN the infancy of our Republic, Bibles were scarce and costly, because what Bibles there were, were imported. To supply and circulate, without note or comment, the Word of God, the American Bible Society was organized in 1816. Its first work was to supply Bibles to the Indians, and then to Spanish people in the United States. Its ultimate purpose is to supply Bibles, according to its ability, to all peoples, "whether Christian, Mohammedan, or pagan." Since 1835 the Society has aided Missionary Societies in translating and printing the Bible for use in foreign fields. Now, for the first time in ninety years, the Bible Society is unable, from want of funds, to do this. This is alarming, for the reason that the various Missionary Societies rely upon the Bible Society to supply Bibles for the multitudes of peoples just emerging from heathenism. If money is not raised for the American Bible Society, missionary money must be expended by denominational Missionary Societies in printing Bibles for the heathen. This work can not be otherwise done so well, nor so cheaply, as by the Bible Society. Three hundred thousand dollars are needed, and would be used by the Bible Society in supplying Bibles to missionary fields, if the money were at hand.

During the past year \$192,292.32 were given in Bibles and helps to mission fields, but another hundred thousand dollars more were needed. During the past year 20,000 American children have been supplied with Bibles, besides the grants made to Sunday-schools and by Auxiliary Societies. Bible canvassers have visited during the year 341,112 families, 71,594 of whom were found without the Bible. In support of this great non-sectarian work, less than \$67,000 were received last year from all the Churches and Auxiliaries in the United States. The outlook is discouraging. A change must be effected, or infidelity will gloat over the failure of the Bible cause—the bulwark of Protestant Christianity.

In the face of these facts, the last printed Report shows that in the Cincinnati District collections were taken in 27 charges, while 13 charges took no collection for the Bible cause. In Dayton District, 18 charges took collections, and 16 charges took none. In Georgetown District, 18 charges took collections, 14 took none. In Hillsboro District, 15 charges took collections, 13 took none. In Springfield District, 21 charges took collections, and 13 took none. In the Conference, of the 168 charges, 69, more than two-fifths, took no collection. Of the 99 charges reporting collections, 47 charges reported \$1 each, leaving only 52 charges in which a bona-fide presentation of the cause was probably made.

The Cincinnati Conference is responsible, in part, for the shortage of funds in this great Society, which has so greatly helped our mission work, and which our General Conference has so strongly indorsed. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. "We urge all our pastors not to omit the collection for the American Bible Society from the list of collections which they are charged to take, but to present to their congregations the duty of giving liberally for the support of this worthy and important cause." (Discipline.)

Resolved, 2. That we hereby instruct the presiding elders to divide amongst their districts, and distribute to their respective pastoral charges, the \$1,000 to be raised in our Conference this year for the American

Bible Society, in the same manner and proportion as they do collections for other connectional objects, to the end that the entire amount may be raised.

J. E. ABRAMS, *Chairman*.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary*.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee, after having carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Publishing Committee, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of this Conference, and the Conference Treasurer, and those which came before us relating to the American University, find them carefully and commendably kept, and we believe them to be correct.

W. A. WIAIT, *Secretary*.

J. T. BAIL, *President*.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Methodist Book Concern is at once the child and the full-grown friend and supporter of the Methodist preacher. Founded by the business foresight of the Fathers through their high appreciation of the value of Christian literature, it is the duty of every member of our Conference to hold sacred the trust thus transmitted to our care. Recognizing the invaluable assistance derived from religious books and periodicals in the homes of our people, we pledge our hearty co-operation with the Agents of the Book Concern in securing the widest possible circulation for all our Methodist publications.

We welcome the action of the Book Concern that places on the market cheap literature of high order. We commend the proposed premiums offered in connection with the *Western Christian Advocate* and the *Epworth Herald*, and we pledge ourselves to bring them before the people in such a way as to secure the largest possible acceptance of the generous propositions.

We recommend that all periodicals used by our Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues be purchased of our own publishing-house. Methodist libraries, both in the Sunday-school and in the home, should be supplied with books that come from the Methodist press, or with books that are secured through our Agents, thus turning into the treasury of the Church whatever profits accrue through discounts granted by the trade to our publishing-house. That this end may be attained, we recommend that the Book Concern have on sale a full assortment of cheap books of the best current literature, whether from our own or from other publishing-houses.

We regret the necessity that demands the reduction of the dividend distributed among the Conferences of Methodism; but, at the same time, we commend the discretion that dictates this policy in administering the affairs of the Church. We trust, however, that the coming year may witness such united and earnest effort on the part of both ministry and laymen as will swell the receipts of the Book Concern to their rightful proportions, and bring to the Conference claimants of our entire connection such liberal support as is commensurate with the needs of these worthy laborers in the Master's vineyard.

W. N. MASON, *Secretary*.

S. B. SMITH,

H. C. WEAKLEY,

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

A. N. SPAHR, *Chairman*.

CHARLES L. MACKEY,

GEORGE T. PERRY,

M. M. KUGLER.

CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

WE ask your attention to one of the most important interests that has been brought before the Conference. The deaconess and hospital work in its care for the helpless classes appeals to us as the purest expression of

Christian love. Every pastor is interested directly or indirectly in this Home and Hospital. When the time of need comes, he and the members of his family, as well as the members of his congregation, have a place to which they can come for treatment, and be surrounded by the sweetest home and Christian influences, and feel that they are under the care of the most eminent and skillful members of the medical profession. In providing for the necessities of the suffering poor, we are providing for our own as well.

May we not then expect your most careful consideration of the matters that concern this institution, presenting, as it does, so beautiful an illustration of applied Christianity.

During the past year there have been in the Home sixteen licensed deaconesses. In accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, the names and work of these are herewith given: Miss Hannah M. Pierce, superintendent; Miss Celia House, missionary; Miss Lucy Spence, massage nurse; Miss Olive Weaver, nurse; Miss Martha Lebeuss, missionary; Miss Carra Close, missionary; Miss Julia Randolph, missionary; Miss Emma Huston, kindergartner; Miss Martha Nicolaison, superintendent of Old People's Home, New Orleans, La.; Miss Sarah Doebler, missionary; Mrs. Anna H. Sandidge, missionary; Miss Alice Blazer, nurse; Miss Emma Stone, nurse; Miss Wilhelmina Tischendorf, nurse; Miss Clara Solomon, missionary; Miss Lottie Sinnett, kindergartner.

Unlike some other Homes, there has been no lack of workers in ours. There were forty-five applications the past year, of which number twenty only were received. We are grateful that God is putting the thought of this form of consecration into so many hearts, and can not but feel that it lays an added obligation upon us to take care of this great interest so helpful to the highest welfare of the Church.

We are glad to state that the most painstaking and conscientious instruction is given in the Bible and doctrines of the Church, as in all the other studies deaconesses are required to pursue.

We can not, of course, enter into all the details of this work, but a few figures may illustrate something of what is being done, and suggest the spirit of the workers. One hundred and ninety-five scholars taught in Sunday-schools, 198 in kindergartens, 530 in Industrial schools, 508 religious meetings conducted, 285 children brought into the Sunday-schools, 180 persons induced to regular attendance upon divine service, 31 funerals arranged for, 9,613 visits upon errands of mercy, with Bible readings and prayers aggregating thousands, supplemented by other thousands of articles of clothing and baskets of food for the body,—all of this and more speak of the unceasing devotion to the mind of the Master on the part of these devoted women.

The past year Christ's Hospital has done the best work, and the most work of its now eight years' history. There were 516 patients treated; 185 of these were in the pay department, 86 paid in part, and 245 were free patients.

The expense of carrying on all the interests of this Home and Hospital is necessarily very heavy, amounting to about \$500 a week. Of this amount, our Churches contributed last year \$4,384. While we rejoice in the fact that this is an increase of \$568 over the year before, it is far beneath what we should give in view of what we receive of its ministrations.

We note with gratitude that 71 out of our 161 charges—a larger number than ever before—have taken collections for this cause.

In this connection, we commend the Epworth Leagues for their sympathy and co-operation in providing for the necessities of the Home.

It is a matter for thankfulness to be able to state that the institution is in better financial condition to-day, by comparison, than it was a year ago, the debt at present being some \$1,200 less than it was at that time.

We recommend, as in previous years, the observance of the Sunday

preceding Thanksgiving, as Hospital Sunday, and would most earnestly urge upon our pastors that the work of the Home and Hospital be presented, and a collection taken.

We heartily indorse the recommendation of the Board of Trustees for the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary.

We recommend the renewal of the licenses of the deaconesses named in this report: also that of Miss Ida Pennell, recommended by Christie Charge.

J. W. MASON, *President.*

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs in its bi-monthly magazine, *Christianity in Earnest*.

The Board has collected and disbursed in the thirty-one years of its existence \$5,867,000. Of this sum, the General Fund, derived chiefly from collections and personal gifts, has aggregated \$3,775,000; and Churches borrowing have returned \$1,073,000; 10,422 Churches have received aid.

The collections taken in the Churches of the Cincinnati Conference, from the beginning, thirty-one years ago, up to November 1, 1896, have aggregated \$58,884.57. This year the collection is \$1,998; total, \$60,882.57.

Thirty-eight Churches within the bounds of this Conference have received aid as follows:

By donations.....	\$10,525
By loans.....	18,500

For the ensuing year our Conference is asked to raise \$6,500, and may receive, on approved application, \$1,200.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the Church at large, on the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly-increasing population and almost unlimited resources, will continue to need Church Extension in the future as in the past, in order that our Church, by fostering and strengthening this work, may increase its power to promote all forms of Christian and benevolent activity.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until everywhere, in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. We commend the excellent catalogues and designs furnished by the Board to all who contemplate building, whether they make application for aid or not.

5. That our presiding elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension to the several districts and charges for collection; and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, we will present this cause in all our Churches, and endeavor to secure at least the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

By order of the Committee.

J. F. McCOLM, *Secretary.*

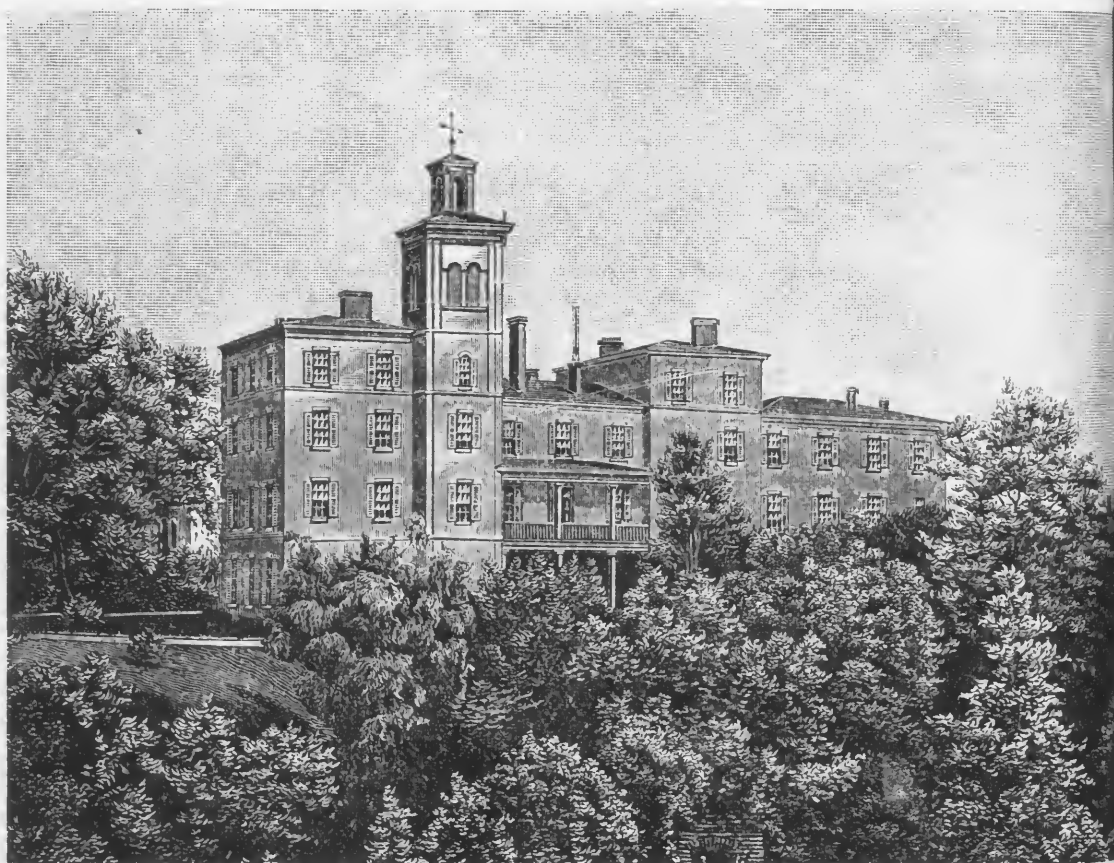
B. D. HYPES, *President.*

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

THE Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital is its own best recommendation. The institution,

"Itself, doth of itself,
Persuade the (hearts) of men,
Without an orator."

By its blessed fruits it is already known far and near, and so abounding are these that hardly a sample of them can be put into the scanty measure



DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

of a Conference report. This House of Mercy and Help is the noblest offspring of the Church, the fairest of the daughters of the kingdom, and a living evidence of Christianity.

The history of the past year has been a record of continually deepening and widening influence and usefulness. The workers have "done what they could." The works of their hands have been established, and the beauty of the Lord our God has been upon them.

This institution richly merits what it has fairly won—universal recognition and encouragement from the pastors and people of our own and the surrounding Conferences. Nothing can meet its growing work and growing needs but growing liberality. Every Methodist should "help a little," and some can afford to do a great deal.

We recommend, particularly within the bounds of our own Conference, the universal observance of the Sabbath in November preceding

Thanksgiving as Hospital Day, on which at least one public service shall be devoted to informing and inspiring the people in behalf of this most worthy cause. And the interests of this work should be laid upon the heart of the Church by every preacher.

The attention of the Mercy and Help Department in all our Epworth Leagues should be directed to its opportunity to aid Christ's Hospital by sending in edible supplies for the use of the institution.

We hold in high esteem the character and ability of the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. H. C. Weakley, and desire to express our appreciation of his untiring and efficient services. We unite with the "Board of Control for Deaconess Work" in requesting his reappointment as Corresponding Secretary. We also recommend the continuation of the same Board of Control, consisting of the following persons: J. W. Mason, M. M. Kugler, H. C. Weakley, Mrs. Bishop J. M. Walden, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Mrs. Dr. T. H. Pearne, S. K. Harter, Hon. B. R. Cowen, J. N. Gamble, Esq.

For the Committee.

EDWARD T. LANE, *Secretary*.

EDWARD MCHUGH, *President*.

EDUCATION.

It is with increasing gratitude that we note from year to year the steady advancement of the Ohio Wesleyan University. It stands among the great colleges of the land. We take pride in the advancing facilities for education by the State, yet we would call the especial attention of all our Methodist people to the absolute necessity of maintaining colleges that are distinctly Christian in their spirit. Such institutions are essential to the life of the Church in training and consecrating its gifted minds to the loftiest spheres of life. In sending their sons and daughters to college, let our people remember the unequaled moral advantages of an institution like the Ohio Wesleyan University.

We note with pleasure the excellence achieved in all departments of the work. The requirements for entrance are among the highest in the country. The Preparatory Department is being strengthened, two new professors having been added in the last two years. This plan is to be commended most highly, for four-fifths of all the college students come to the university through the Preparatory Department; and in the increased competition of our State institutions our denominational schools must suffer unless great effort be put forth to bring our young men to our own colleges.

During the last decade there has been an advancement of one hundred per cent in the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Music, French, Law, Medicine, Military Tactics, Athletics, and Oratory. In noting these lines of advancement, we would emphasize the idea that the Ohio Wesleyan University's greatest field is in its properly-defined collegiate work as distinguished from a university, at least until through ample endowments Providence shall have indicated beyond a doubt the wider field. The American University will soon supply the demand for post-graduate work. Our existing theological schools will be ample for the need of the Church for many years to come, while in our own State the Ohio Wesleyan University should stand unexcelled in its properly-defined collegiate work.

The new library building, which is in process of erection on the site of the old chapel, will be a very complete, commodious, fire-proof building, possessing all the modern improvements for a perfect library adjustment. During the last year \$92,000 have been added to the endowment of the university, making the property, productive and unproductive, about \$1,200,000.

There is, however, a crying need of funds, and to all our people we commend the Ohio Wesleyan for their generous aid. We would also

urge our preachers to remember that the educational collection, aside from the Children's-day fund, goes to the Ohio Wesleyan University, and would ask them to raise for it the most possible.

We trust, upon the rising tide of prosperity now seeming assured, that our people will rally to the call for a million dollars for the Ohio Wesleyan University. Let this keynote be sounded along the line of the other Conferences within the patronizing territory; and may God grant the victory!

During the year two of the professors have been called home. Dr. L. D. McCabe, for fifty years a professor in the university, and during the past year Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, and an honored member of this Conference, had enjoyed a record of almost unexampled blessing. His name will linger in hallowed benediction in the minds of the students of a half-century so long as memory lasts. Professor E. T. Nelson, one of the best known scientists in the land, was rapidly gaining recognition for himself, and bringing honor to the university. He was one of the brightest minds of Methodism. His death is mourned by all. The Ohio Wesleyan is rich in the memory of its sainted dead.

During the last year Dr. J. W. Bashford, the honored president, was absent in Europe. During his absence the firm, careful hand of Professor Williams, whose strength after fifty-three years of labor seems unabated, held the work to the even line of progress. We rejoice in the Providence that gave to the Ohio Wesleyan so capable, so noble a president as Dr. Bashford. We trust that he may be spared with renewed vigor to direct the forces that will mold the minds of the hundreds that will grace the halls of the university in the years to come.

We would nominate for election as Trustee for the coming year, R. S. Rust; as Visitors, C. H. Payne, J. P. Porter.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

We report with pride and gratitude the excellent condition and work of our theological schools. It is gratifying to know that the equipment of these schools is so complete. Their financial condition is satisfactory; the Faculties are loyal to Methodist polity, and their teaching is evangelical; the impulse of spirituality and industry and zeal which they impart to those they send out into the work of the Church, is proof of the genuine quality of their work, and it testifies to their ability to meet the needs of the ministry of to-day.

We earnestly advise all our young men who purpose to enter the ministry, to take the course of study in one of these theological schools before they enter upon the work to which God has called them; "but we would guard them against the mistake of making a theological school serve as a substitute for a preparatory school and the college."

We are greatly gratified that two members of our own Conference fill professors' chairs in the Boston School of Theology, and especially so that good reports come to us of their work.

We recommend the following brethren as Visitors: Boston School of Theology, M. E. Ketcham, S. O. Royal; Drew Theological Seminary, A. B. Leonard, H. C. Weakley; Garrett Biblical Institute, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We desire to express our cordial appreciation of the work done by the Board of Education. Too much can not be said of the service rendered by its wise supervision of the educational institutions of our Church. Posterity will be benefited by the elevation of the standard, and consequently enlarged usefulness of many of our colleges.

The secretary does not confine himself to the administrative duties of his office, exacting as they are. His remarkable vigor of body and mind enables him to travel throughout our vast territory, giving addresses and aiding in the raising of large sums for educational purposes.

The loan feature of the work done by the Board is increasing in usefulness. Over seven thousand students have been aided since it was founded. It is now lending assistance to about three times as many as were aided nine years ago. Last year 1,741 students received help. One hundred and five students in the Ohio Wesleyan University were enabled to continue their studies. Fifteen thousand dollars were devoted last year to the assistance of theological students alone, many of whom would have been unable otherwise to proceed with their studies.

The money thus loaned is generally returned. Last year loans were paid into the treasury amounting to \$11,500. This year the Board will receive in return, payments between \$14,000 and \$15,000.

As a Conference, we rejoice in the great efficiency of the secretary, our beloved brother, Dr. C. H. Payne, and feel ourselves honored by the extent and value to the whole Church of one whom his brethren delight to honor.

We urge the observance of Children's-day in every Sunday-school in our Conference, and recommend the use of the exercises prepared by the Board of Education, and of the collection envelopes furnished gratuitously by the Board.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

We renew our expressions of interest and confidence in the American University, and our assurances of co-operation in carrying forward to completion this great enterprise of the Church. We believe that this university, when completed, will not only be the fitting head and crown of our educational system, but that it will add to the strength, dignity, and usefulness of our institutions of learning.

BALTIMORE WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

We congratulate our people and the general public on the existence of this institution for the education of women. While it is of the highest grade, its rates are low, its Faculty consists of specialists of university training, its situation is delightful, and its success remarkable. It is worthy of fullest confidence, and is heartily commended to general patronage.

We recommend as visitors Dr. C. H. Payne and Rev. P. C. Curnick.

CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following officers: President, J. P. Porter; Vice-President, Howard Henderson; Secretary, A. B. Austin; Treasurer, E. W. Mullikin; additional members, W. R. Warnock, James M. DeCamp, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble.

We have given careful consideration to statements coming from the Directors of the Springfield Seminary, but do not feel free to advise, at this time, any change of the policy of the Conference toward this institution. Our action of 1884 should therefore be reaffirmed as follows:

"Resolved. That the Trustees be instructed not to allow any persons to pay over the proceeds of the McFadden Fund to the support of the present school."

We recommend the election of the following named to serve three years as Trustees: Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. Pearson, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne, S. O. Royal.

On their election, the full Board will be constituted as follows: Term to expire in 1898—P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, J. F. Marlay, William Runyan, F. G. Mitchell, J. A. Story.

Term to expire in 1899—J. A. Hayward, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois, V. F. Brown.

Term to expire in 1900—Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. Pearson, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne, S. O. Royal.

THE HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

At the last session of the Conference a Commission was created, with full power to relinquish all Conference control of the institution upon any ground that would satisfy the Conference claim. The result proved the Alumni, who had asked for the school to be turned over to them, and the stockholding Trustees, unwilling to agree to an indemnity bond or a mortgage being placed on the property, payable without interest, and only in case of the failure of the school as a place of Christian education. The claim asked by the Commission was for \$5,400, paid to the school according to the Minutes of 1884 by the ministers of the Conference themselves. Believing, however, that the cause of education under the direction of the Church will be better served by concentrating at the Ohio Wesleyan, leaving to the management of local communities whatever academic work may be conducted there, we would renew the power of the Commission, granting full authority in behalf of the Conference to relinquish control upon any ground that may seem just to the Commission, even to the simple securing of the endowment fund by agreement with the heirs, or upon any other ground that may insure the school in the future for Christian education. We recommend to serve on this Commission: Rev. William Runyan, Rev. T. H. Pearne, Rev. G. H. Dart, and Rev. Heber D. Ketcham. Should the Commission be reduced from any cause to two, they shall have power to fill one or both the vacancies.

We would nominate for election the following eight persons as Trustees, to represent the Conference for the coming year: Jacob Sayler, W. C. Duckwall, George Barrere, Charles Harsha, O. N. Sams, J. B. Worley, the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, and the Pastor of the Hillsboro Station, these Trustees to have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number in the interim of the Conference sessions.

HEBER. D. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.

C. H. PAYNE, *President*.

EWPORTH LEAGUE.

WE rejoice in the conserving power of the Epworth League. It is one of the most potent factors in molding and unifying our young people and children. Its influence is being recognized now as never before, and its helpful agency is being used on the circuits more largely than in its earlier history. Thus is demonstrated the wonderful adaptability of the League to Methodism in every part of its great field; in heathen countries as well as in Christian lands. Therefore we pledge to the League our unswerving fidelity.

We also rejoice in the fraternal strength that is being developed by the Epworth League, as has been displayed during the past season at the "Superlative" International Conference, held at Toronto, Canada—showing it to be stronger than race prejudice or political animosities—when a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, embraced a "brother in black" amid universal applause.

We most heartily commend our Publishing Agents for their liberal arrangements in providing first-class reading-matter for our young people at a nominal cost.

The *Epworth Herald* deserves the continued support of all our young people.

We urge the Chapters in the Cincinnati Conference to be represented in the Fifth General Conference District Convention, to be held in Cincinnati, November 26th to 28th.

We recommend that the expenses of the Epworth League Chapters be reported to Conference under the item "Current Expenses of the Church."

We cheerfully recommend the League Reading Course to all our Chapters, and urge that it be made an important factor of the coming

year's work. The Board of Control has spared no expense or pains to make the Reading Course interesting, instructive, and spiritual.

GEORGE V. MORRIS, *Secretary.*

L. E. PRENTISS, *Chairman.*

J. S. PUMPHREY,

PAUL C. CURNICK,

WILBUR DAVIS,

C. F. ENYART,

GEORGE W. VORHIS,

JOSEPH W. PATTON.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

TO THE Cincinnati Conference belongs the honor of beginning the higher education so vigorously pushed by this Society in the South to-day.

John R. Wright, Dr. Asbury Lowrey, M. Dustin, and Dr. Elliott were instrumental in establishing the Wilberforce University, at Xenia, Ohio, which was presided over by Dr. R. S. Rust until it passed into the hands of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. To-day the South is blessed with fifty institutions of learning, with over eight thousand students, all under the Freedmen's Aid Society. We review with admiration the heroic efforts of this Society from its inception to the present time. Results are both gratifying and encouraging. We now have six hundred thousand communicants on what was once slave territory.

During the decade from 1880 to 1890, illiteracy was reduced from 36 to 27.8 per cent. By the close of this quadrennium there will be ten million Africans in America. To make of these intelligent Christian citizens, to lift them to positions of independence and efficiency in all the trades and professions, is a work of no small responsibility. And let it be remembered that this work is not confined wholly to the colored people, but that much has been done for and among the poorer whites.

Last year one thousand Churches in Methodism gave but one dollar each to this work, and five thousand gave simply nothing. Only one thousand Churches responded to the appeal made during the year for the debt.

Our Conference gave this year \$2,674, just \$339 more than last year, and \$526 less than half our apportionment. We urge every pastor within our bounds to give his charge the benefit of at least one faithful and earnest presentation of this work this year; also such as have not already, to take a special offering for the debt. Four universities are now without presidents, and schools are being run with far less than the usual corps of teachers for lack of funds. No outlay will yield richer returns to the giver, and conserve more the stability and perpetuity of our Nation, than that which transforms the illiterate white and black masses of the South into intelligent, industrious, and Christian citizens. God has laid this great work largely upon the Methodist Episcopal Church; may she prove true to her trust!

We desire to express our appreciation of the excellent address of Dr. Mason before our Conference, and assure him of our hearty support.

Respectfully submitted.

E. O. BUXTON, *President.*

C. L. CHAPMAN, *Secretary.*

MISSIONS.

YOUR Committee, appointed to consider the subject of Missions, submit the following:

WHEREAS, Christianity is essentially a great missionary movement for the conversion of the world to Christ, and the spirit of the gospel is the true missionary spirit, none can truly believe the gospel nor obey the command of Christ, to go and preach the gospel to all nations, who are not in sympathy with the missionary enterprise; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend all our pastors to greater diligence in securing larger contributions to this great and worthy cause; and that we urge all our people to a more systematic, conscientious, and generous giving for this and all other benevolent enterprises of the Church.

Resolved, That, while we deeply regret the great indebtedness of our Missionary Society, we hereby express our unabating confidence in the wisdom and fidelity of its management; and rejoice in the marvelous success which has attended the efforts of our missionaries in their fields of operation.

Resolved, That we recommend that a special effort be made in all our charges, at the earliest opportunity, to liquidate the present indebtedness of the Missionary Society, and recommend and call special attention to the methods suggested by our Secretaries.

Resolved, That we recognize the efficiency of the Woman's Foreign and Woman's Home Missionary Societies, and congratulate them on their prosperity.

G. W. DUBOIS, *Chairman*.

J. MCK. SHULTZ, *Secretary*.

PARSONAGES.

THE reports of Parsonage Committees, hitherto submitted, have been full of valuable suggestions to those charges having no parsonages, or to such as contemplate repairs and remodeling. A Methodist parsonage is public property, and accessible to all members of the Church and congregation, and should be so planned and furnished by the membership of the charge as to meet the specific needs of a pastor's home. No charge should suffer its pastor to occupy a parsonage in any sense inferior to the average home of the membership in the community.

We repeat with emphasis the oft-submitted suggestions, that all parsonages should be provided with all necessary heavy furniture, and, so far as possible, furnished throughout. At last report there were 121 charges reporting parsonages, with an aggregate value of \$313,970, an average value of about \$2,600. Several charges report new parsonages this year, and others extensive and valuable repairs.

W. S. GRAY, *Secretary*.

W. H. WEHRLEY, *Chairman*.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, This Conference has been characterized by the manifestation of spiritual power almost, if not absolutely, unprecedented in our history; and

WHEREAS, This is largely due to the leadership, talks, and presidency of Bishop Mallalieu; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we express our hearty thanks to him, and gratitude to God, for the admirable manner in which he has led us into the green pastures and by the still waters of God's grace, and for the fidelity and ability with which he has presided over our deliberations. Should he ever be returned to us, we pledge ourselves to give him a cordial welcome and our earnest support.

Resolved, 2. That we were greatly profited by the lecture of Bishop Walden, and glad to have this honorary member of our body with us, and learn from him that he feels we are indeed his brothers and tried friends. And we also thank Bishop Joyce for his letter to us from the land beyond the sea, and promise to pray for him and the great work in which he is engaged.

Resolved, 3. We have listened with pleasure to our various General Conference officers, and gladly note the tokens of coming prosperity along all lines of our great enterprises.

Resolved, 4. Our hearts have been quickened by the presence and addresses or sermons of our visiting brethren and sisters, and we are especially glad we have had with us Dr. J. Waugh and Sister Badley, of India; and W. N. Brewster, his wife, and their protégée, Miss Li Bi Cu, of China.

Resolved, 5. It has been a source of gratification to have the Cincinnati Conference Lay Association in our midst, and receiving with us the pentecostal baptism that has come upon us.

Resolved, 6. Our thanks are due and tendered to the pastor of High Street Church, and the pastors and members of all the Churches, and the citizens of Springfield for their open-armed reception and fine entertainment; also to the choir for their excellent music, and to the ladies for their beautiful floral decorations, and to the trustees of this Church and the college for the use of their buildings.

Resolved, 7. That we are pleased with the way our Secretaries and Treasurers discharge their arduous and delicate duties, and thank them for their faithfulness.

Resolved, 8. We appreciate the favors of the railroads in regard to rates.

H. W. BAILEY, *Chairman*.

E. H. CHERINGTON, *Secretary*.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"THE Sabbath was made for man;" set apart for rest and worship; a holy day, not a holiday. Given as a holy day, we should "keep it holy." Secularized, it is perverted, desecrated. Secular thought, conversation, reading, and labor should be left for other days; only works of mercy and necessity on this. Observance of the day brings blessing, physical and moral, material and spiritual—blessings to the individual, to the family, to society, and to the State. Perversion brings blight and curse to all. Observance is a universal duty, pre-eminently so for the Church of God. Loyalty to the king in the royal family contributes greatly to the efficiency of the government. Sabbath desecration is making dangerous inroads into the customs of society. The European Sabbath is sought to be established here. Human depravity is ever fertile in finding new ways of desecrating God's holy day. In our Conference Reports we have frequently referred to the evils of the Sunday newspaper and the Sunday railroad train, and we here express the hope that Methodists everywhere, both ministers and members, both by precept and example, will array themselves against these institutions which are doing so much to destroy the Christian Sabbath. We wish, also, in this report to call the attention, especially of our young people, to the evils of Sunday bicycling. In all our cities there are cycle clubs which regularly arrange for "runs" on the Sabbath-day. This, of course, is extremely demoralizing, and we urge and exhort all our Leaguers and all our young people to keep themselves free from this form of Sabbath desecration. Disregard for the Sabbath brings destruction to all moral and spiritual interests, and, in the end, to all temporal and material things as well. A proper observance of the Christian Sabbath will bring blessings to the individual, to the Church, and to the world at large.

CREIGHTON WONES, *Secretary*.

MADISON SWADENER, *Chairman*.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

NO INSTITUTION established by men, unaided by Divine inspiration, has ever produced such transforming effects upon the human race as are found resulting from the organization of the Christian Church. Its mission to this morally dark world is to give spiritual light, and spiritual life, and spiritual power over our wrecked humanity. On this subject

we learn important lessons from the vast fields of nature. The sun shining upon our earth is the instrumental cause by which all animal and vegetable life are sustained; yet nature's forces must be directed into their proper channels, that man's natural life may be sustained. In the spiritual realm the Sun of righteousness shines upon our morally dark world, but spiritual blessings are obtained by our proper use of the appointed means. As in nature, one part is dependent upon another to make up one harmonious whole, so in the spiritual kingdom there are numerous instrumentalities employed to advance the interests of this higher kingdom. Through all past historic ages faithful men and women have been employed to labor in this inviting field for the good of the race. All along this line of labor there has been opposition and persecutions to an extent that amounted to the destruction of life and property. Through all these persecutions truth has survived and triumphed over the ignorance of its enemies. Among the laborers in the great harvest-field some have more light than others, and it has been the object of the more advanced laborers to lead those in the narrow circle out into the broad fields of a pure gospel light and truth, and to produce harmonious action among the mighty hosts that are now lifting the standard of the gospel in all lands.

"As when Ezekiel in a vision saw
The chariot-wheels of the electric law
Move one within another,
Like sister and like brother
In families harmonious dwelling,
And rapture every bosom swelling,—
He only saw the outward sign
Of an Infinite Presence shine
Upon a darkened world."

In our enlightened age of the world, we have nothing to fear from the instruments of physical torture to compel the believers in religion to give up their faith in Christ; but the Church has still a host of enemies to contend with, and the demand for the whole armor for defense is as great as ever. We have good reason for believing that the Methodist Church has moved in the front ranks among the defenders of the teachings of Christ and his apostles, while it is extending the hand of friendship to all faithful laborers in this field. There never was a time that demanded greater diligence and a more watchful care in the defense of the teachings of the Bible than the present. Christianity now has nothing to fear from the old methods of persecution, but it has much to fear from many who are advancing along lines of pretended fellowship, and at the same time striking their heaviest blows at Christianity. The strongest opposition to the teaching of the Bible is found in the pretended discoveries of science falsely so-called. Our limits will not allow an extended notice of this subject.

We will, however, notice some points where the greatest danger lies. The prominent idea with science falsely so-called, is to prove that the universe is a self-acting machine, to be accounted for by an eternal unconscious force without a controlling power above it. The spiritual power is rejected, and the material is accepted as the cause of all phenomena. This has been formulated under the well-known phrase, "conservation of energy." Theology accepts the conservation of energy with the recognition of an infinite, all-controlling Power above nature's forces; but when materialistic science claims the equivalence of force, and asserts the indestructibility of this eternal force, we are compelled to reject this atheistic conception of cosmos, or renounce the plain teaching of the Bible. It is a very common thing for these modern materialistic writers to profess a belief in the Christian religion, with a view to gain the confidence of theologians, and to incorporate their atheistic views into Christian liter-

ature. There is a fear on the part of the Church that theology might come in conflict with science. Of this there need be no fear, so far as the great truths in science are concerned. On the other hand, it should be one great aim of the Church to oppose all forms of error, and especially those which oppose the fundamental teachings of the Bible. Some of the strongest efforts now made against Christianity are founded upon theories that can not possibly be demonstrated as scientific facts; hence the arguments based upon them must be rejected. The Church has been in the wilderness of affliction and in conflict with the Powers of Darkness; but deliverance has always come in answer to prayer and the exercise of faith.

ADAM MILLER, *Secretary*.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

THE Sunday-school is the great nursery of the Church. In the past year more than a quarter of a million are reported to have been converted through its influence. We therefore emphasize the importance of continued and increasing effort for its success and support. We heartily recommend every means for the better preparation of teachers for their work, such as teachers' meetings, normal classes, etc. We believe the home department of the school meets a long-felt need, and we urge that all schools heartily take hold of this part of the work.

We are glad to note the excellent service the Sunday-school Union is rendering the Church in helping the poorer schools, having aided in the past year three thousand. We urge that a strong effort be made to raise our full apportionment for this cause.

WM. M. COFFMAN, *Secretary*.

A. T. COWGILL, *Chairman*.

A. HAMILTON,

JOHN H. LEASE,

GEO. M. FULTON,

J. H. MIDDLETON.

TEMPERANCE.

WE record our utter abhorrence of the liquor-traffic, as a business at once injurious, immoral, and antagonistic to every interest of Church and State. We condemn the license features of all statutes by which money is accepted for the legal protection of this business, and brand the same as *delusive* and *wicked*; professing to restrict the traffic, or provide against its evils, they really afford it encouragement, and blind the eyes of many to its vicious character. We therefore declare the whole business to be an outlaw that ought not to be permitted to live; but should be pursued with determination until it is completely annihilated.

We record a strong conviction that the time has come when all good citizens should unite in harmonious and aggressive action, particularly demanding that all legislation upon this subject—whether municipal, State, or National—should advance steadily and firmly toward the complete extermination of the accursed traffic.

We have noted, with appreciation, the efforts of many institutions of learning to protect their pupils from the ravages of the saloon, by the procurement of prohibitory laws, and constant hostility to the continuance of the traffic in their several communities; and look with regret upon some such institutions which encourage the presence of a deadly enemy, by permitting members of their Faculties, unproved, to sign petitions for the licensing of saloons in the towns or cities where they are located. We would also earnestly caution our people against the patronage of such educational institutions as persist in offending the moral sense of this Christian Nation by serving wine, or other alcoholic beverages, in their banquets; or tolerating, upon their Boards of Trustees, persons who are engaged in a business that destroys body, mind, and soul.

Like our last General Conference, we approve the object of the American Anti-saloon League, as expressed in its constitution, and will co-operate with said League in its efforts to suppress the detestable saloon, in so far as its methods and scope may be consistent with our avowed principles of prohibition.

We recommend the appointment of R. E. Smith and D. L. Aultman as delegates to attend the Annual Convention of this League, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, in January next, and the first named to serve on the Board of Direction.

We believe that greater activity on temperance lines should characterize our various Churches, and recommend that "Temperance Day" be observed, wherever it will not conflict with already established lines of temperance effort. The day so designated by our Book of Discipline, is the fourth Sunday of November, or "some approximate Sunday;" and may be made the occasion of much wholesome instruction, and the awakening of a lively interest in this subject, so vital to the welfare of the Church and the home.

We recommend that the brethren named in this report be requested to prepare a suitable program for this day, if it can be done without expense to the Conference.

We hereby record our sympathy and readiness to co-operate with all forms of organized effort having for their object the speedy accomplishment of the great temperance reform. To accomplish this great work, great faith, energy, and patience are necessary. Let us not be weary in well-doing. Victory will yet perch upon our banners.

R. E. SMITH, *Secretary*.

S. B. SMITH, *Chairman*.

TRACTS.

THE Tract cause has always been highly appreciated by Methodism as a mighty factor in the evangelization of the people, and we trust that in the days of the immediate future, the value of this work may not be forgotten. The foundations of Methodism in no small measure were laid in England through the agency of the tract. John Wesley wrote many tracts pertaining to burning religious questions of the hour, and distributed printed copies broadcast through the land. Surely we must see the need of perpetuating this work in our own times as true sons of Wesley.

Though the printing-press has been in operation over three hundred years, proving to the world unto the present moment what a tremendous agency it may be for the promulgation of the truth, yet many to-day, we fear, are inclined to forget or underestimate its inherent force. Must this not be the case of some of our own number, since we find from the Minutes of 1896, that thirty-seven of our pastors took no collection for this interest, and others failed to avail themselves of their opportunity to secure for their own personal use tracts to the value of half their collections?

Having perfect confidence that the Tract Society is making just request of the Cincinnati Conference that it raise \$1,100 this year for the cause, we would recommend that each pastor do his utmost that this amount may be realized. To this end, we shall have to raise three times the amount of our last total subscription. Let us, then, with the blessing of God, use every possible opportunity which is opened to us for the spread of righteousness and truth.

R. S. MCCOLM, *President*.

C. L. MYERS, *Secretary*.

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V.

Conference Studies.

a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

FRANK G. MITCHELL, <i>Chairman.</i>	G. W. DUBOIS.	W. H. WEHRLEY.
CHARLES L. CONGER, <i>Registrar.</i>	J. A. STORY.	H. D. KETCHAM.
W. A. ROBINSON.	E. O. BUXTON.	C. W. BARNES.
F. M. CLEMANS.	J. P. PORTER.	J. A. WHITE.
	J. E. ABRAMS.	A. C. TURRELL.
	U. G. HUMPHREY.	C. W. RISHELL.

b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND SUBJECTS.

N. B.—The figures appended to each study indicate the number of minutes allotted to the examination.

Section 1. U. G. HUMPHREY.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*, 60; Leading Facts of American History, *Montgomery*, 60; Introduction to the Gospel Records, *Nast*, 45.

Section 2. H. D. KETCHAM.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harman*, 90; Smaller Scripture History, *Smith*, 45; Theological Compend, *Binney*, 45.

Section 3. W. H. WEHRLEY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*, 90; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*, 60; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 4. E. O. BUXTON.—Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, *Horswell*, 60; Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*, 60; Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*, 60; Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation, *Walker*, 60.

Section 5. C. W. BARNES.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*, 90; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*, 45; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

Section 6. C. L. CONGER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 60; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*, 45.

Section 7. J. A. STORY.—Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, *Crooks and Hurst*, 90; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*, 60.

Section 8. F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896, 60; Digest of Methodist Law, *Merrill*, 60.

Section 9. J. A. WHITE.—Elementary English Branches; Life of John Wesley, *Telford*, 60; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*, 60.

Section 10. A. C. TURRELL.—Rudimentary Psychology, *Steele*; Elements of Psychology, *Hill*, 60; Larger Catechism, *Nast*, 45; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read by Local Preachers.

Section 11. F. M. CLEMANS.—The Supernatural Book, *Foster*, 90; Outlines of Bible History, *Hurst*, 45; Essays of Candidates for Admission; Books to be read.

Section 12. J. E. ABRAMS.—Manual of Christian Evidences, *Row*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of First Year; Books to be read.

Section 13. J. P. PORTER.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Second Year; Books to be read.

Section 14. G. W. DUBOIS.—English and American Literature, *Wheeler*, 90; Sermons and Essays, Class of Third Year; Books to be read.

Section 15. W. A. ROBINSON.—Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, *Buckley*, 60; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*, 60; Sermons and Essays Class of Fourth Year; Books to be read.

Section 16. C. W. RISHELL.—Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion, *Butler*, 90; History of American Methodism, *Stevens*, 60; The Atonement in Christ, *Miley*, 60; The Sacraments, *Watson*, 45.

EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATIONS will be held in Book Concern Hall, Cincinnati; Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Dayton; Methodist Episcopal Church, Hillsboro; and Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield,—at 10 A. M., November 16, 1897, and at 9 A. M., June 23, 1898; and in Methodist Episcopal Church, Xenia, at 9 A. M. the day before the Conference session of 1898.

Examinations in November will be in:

FIRST YEAR.—Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*; Principles of Rhetoric, *Hill*; Exegetical Studies in the Gospels, *Horswell*.

SECOND YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pauline Epistles, *Horswell*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1896; Outlines of Universal History: Modern, *Fisher*.

THIRD YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in the Pentateuch, *Warren*; Written Sermon; History of the Christian Church, Vol. I, *Hurst*.

FOURTH YEAR.—Exegetical Studies in Isaiah, *Warren*; Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, *Broadus*; History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst*.

EXAMINATIONS IN JUNE.—Remaining Studies of Four Years' Course.

RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

d. CLASSES.

FOURTH YEAR, 1898.—Homer D. Curless, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Edward L. Hollingsworth, Member, . . Deacon.
 George H. Smith, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Benjamin F. Oswald, . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Rufus J. Wyckoff, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 W. D. English, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Wilbur N. Mason, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.
 George B. Shanor, . . . Probationer, Local Elder.

THIRD YEAR, 1899.—Harley E. Armacost, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Charles L. Chapman, . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Earl M. Ellsworth, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 James A. Jenkinson, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Clifford L. Myers, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Charles C. Peale, . . . Member, . . Deacon.
 Stephen B. Timmons, . . Member, . . Elder.
 John L. Duckwall, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.

• SECOND YEAR, 1900.—Warren J. Dunham, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.
 James A. Geissinger, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.
 Archie W. Hook, . . . Probationer, Local Elder.
 Henry C. Hutchinson, . . Probationer, Not ordain'd.
 Lewis E. Linzell, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.
 Wm. L. Spence, . . . Probationer, Not ordain'd.
 Samuel A. Stephan, . . . Probationer, Not ordain'd.
 FIRST YEAR, 1901.—Oliver P. Hoffman, . . . Probationer, Local Deac'n.
 Howard L. Torbet, . . . Probationer, Not ordain'd.

VI.

Miscellany.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference:

I HEREWITH submit my report as Conference Treasurer for the American University:

Balance from last year.....	\$80 60
Receipts during the year:	
John J. McCabe.....	\$100 00
J. L. Shively.....	15 00
M. E. Ketcham.....	60 00
George K. Morris.....	100 00
George V. Morris.....	10 00
G. L. Tufts.....	30 00
W. H. Wehrley.....	10 00
P. C. Curnick.....	25 00
John Pearson.....	15 00
J. F. Laird.....	10 00
C. E. Schenk.....	10 00
H. D. Ketcham.....	17 00
Total	\$482 60
Disbursements:	
S. L. Beiler, Vice-Chancellor American University....	\$482 00
Postage	60
Total	\$482 60

FRANK G. MITCHELL,

Conference Treasurer for American University.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, September 7, 1897.

WILLIAMS BEQUEST.

YOUR Committee, to whom you referred the proposed Samuel Williams trust, respectfully report for your adoption the following:

WHEREAS, The Publishing Agents for the Western Methodist Book Concern has sent to this Conference a communication, in which they say that they find it impossible for them to comply with the conditions imposed on them, in a certain bequest left by the late Samuel Williams, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the proceeds of which were ordered to be divided equally between the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Conference claimants of this Conference; and

WHEREAS, In the said communication of the Publishing Agents they

inform us that the original property has so depreciated that there now remains of it only five hundred and twenty dollars; and

WHEREAS, The said Agents now propose to turn over to the Trustees of this Conference one-half of this sum; viz., (\$260) two hundred and sixty dollars, to be by them invested for the benefit of our Conference claimants; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the Trustees of this Conference, through their Treasurer, James T. Bail, to receive and receipt for the aforementioned two hundred and sixty dollars (\$260), distinctly specifying in said receipt that this Conference shall not be held responsible under any of the conditions of said bequest, save only that our Conference Trustees shall yearly pay to the fund for the benefit of our Conference claimants whatever interest or income they may receive from said sum of two hundred and sixty dollars.

JOHN PEARSON,
WM. RUNYAN,
J. T. BAIL.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

Report of the Trustees to the Cincinnati Conference, August 31, 1897.

ASSETS.

1. United States 4% Bonds.....	\$300 00
2. City of Cincinnati 4% Deficiency Bonds.....	1,000 00
3. City of Cincinnati 4% Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds....	2,000 00
4. Bills receivable: Note due August 31, 1898, 6%.....	1,950 00
5. " " Note due August 31, 1899, 6%.....	500 00
6. " " Note due November 4, 1904, 7%.....	500 00
7. " " Note due March 22, 1902, 7%.....	1,500 00
Total assets.....	\$7,750 00

RECEIPTS.

1. Cash on hand August 31, 1896.....	\$643 79
2. Interest on bonds.....	132 00
3. Interest on bills receivable.....	254 34
	—————\$1,030 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Ohio Wesleyan University, as per voucher on file.....	\$72 04
2. Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher on file.....	72 04
3. Cincinnati Conference claimants, per voucher on file, 144 10	
4. Bills receivable: Note due August 31, 1898, 6%, \$557 51	
Note due January 7, 1898, 6%, 144 10	
	————— 701 61

Amount due the Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission.

5. Cash on hand.....	40 34
	—————\$1,030 13

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the present condition of the John Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
JOHN PEARSON,
J. R. CLARK,
Trustees of the John Mears Bequest.
1897

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THIS Society has had a year of usefulness and success in its benevolent work. Bishop J. M. Walden is a stated contributor to its relief funds, and kindly says it is among the most practically important of our relief enterprises. It is to be regretted that only forty-nine of the members of our Conference are attracted to its support. Some twenty-six calls for aid were promptly responded to last year. It can be seen that its interest income exceeded by \$158 appropriations for personal relief, thus affording a margin for the new year. The assets of the Society are increasing steadily, with the prospect of large increase of many thousands of dollars, by recent bequests of Rev. J. F. Chalfant, and Mrs. Elizabeth Chalfant, and others, whose attention had been called to the worthy work of this organization.

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee, to consider applications for loans and relief, are held on the first Monday in November, January, March, May, and June, at the Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio. All the preachers of our Conference are hereby earnestly called upon to become regular members of this Conference Society. All members of the Board of Officers and Managers will gladly respond to those who may desire further information as to the methods and work of the Society.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.

Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.

Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Runyan, J. G. Black, J. W. Mason, J. P. Porter, J. S. Whitney, D. L. Aultman, C. L. Conger, Robert Johnson, G. L. Greno.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts for the Year ending September 1, 1897.

From balance in treasury last year.....	\$360 00
From donation by Bishop J. M. Walden.....	25 00
From membership fees.....	49 00
From interest on notes and rents.....	741 80
From notes, due and paid.....	1,100 00
Total	\$2,275 80

Disbursed during the Year ending September 1, 1897.

For relief, as per orders.....	\$583 00
For taxes, repairs, and new fencing on land.....	46 02
For postage, stationery, traveling, by officers.....	59 78
For new loans by Executive Committee.....	1,480 00
Cash remaining in treasury.....	107 00
Total	\$2,275 80

Annual account was duly audited by J. W. Mason and J. T. Bail,
Committee.

THOMAS COLLETT,
Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

Of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.

Funds invested and loaned:

Little Miami Railroad bond.....	\$1,500 00
Loan and Building Association, West Carrollton.....	950 00
Interest-bearing notes.....	3,950 00
Lot in Madisonville (unproductive).....	70 00
Total	\$6,470 00

Receipts for the Year.

Interest on Little Miami Railroad bond.....	\$120 00
Loan and Building Association.....	21 55
From defunct bank.....	29 22
Interest on notes.....	290 04
Total	462 81

Disbursements for the Year.

Traveling expenses and stationery.....	\$6 75
Canceling mortgage.....	25
Paid Board of Stewards.....	455 81
Total	462 81

The following is the Board as now constituted:

President, H. C. Weakley; Vice-President, A. N. Spahr; Secretary, J. P. Porter; Treasurer, J. T. Bail; J. F. Loyd, J. W. Mason, S. Weeks.

Having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, we find them correct.

Attest: J. P. PORTER, *Secretary*.

A. N. SPAHR,
J. P. PORTER,
Auditing Committee.
H. C. WEAKLEY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, September 6, 1897.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the Cincinnati Conference:

BRETHREN,—We herewith place in your hands the results of our work as publishers of your Annual Minutes. We have tried to attain perfect accuracy, yet fear that some mistakes have eluded our sight. We would be thankful to have them pointed out, so that we may in the future correct them.

We are trying to make this publication of more and more permanent value each year. Special features, such as maps, Pastoral Record, etc., being quite expensive, will appear only once in the quadrennium. We have arranged and paged this number so that the four numbers of the quadrennium may make one volume.

We issue three thousand copies, but ought to double that number. At every point where the subject has been presented to the congregations

before Conference, and subscriptions taken, the list of subscribers has been greatly increased. We donate each superannuate and each widow one copy.

We give below an exhibit of our financial account for the year 1896. It was a hard-times year, but by dint of persevering work in pushing advertisements, the accounts would have shown a balance in your favor, were it not for the unusually large Conference expenses.

S. O. ROYAL, *Chairman.*

STATEMENT OF PUBLISHING ACCOUNTS.

MINUTES, 1896.

John Pearson, Treasurer.

Dr.

To cash from Conference stewards.....	\$5 00
To cash from Conference Historical Society.....	20 00
To cash from Conference Treasurer.....	11 60
To cash from sale of Minutes.....	227 00
To cash from advertisements (net).....	237 78
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LETTER FROM DR. A. LOWREY.

To the Bishop and Cincinnati Conference:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I shall have to deprive myself of the great pleasure and honor of meeting you in Conference session this year. My general health would allow me to go, but my chronic infirmities, such as inability to walk, and loss of vision owing to growing cataracts on my eyes, seem to forbid.

I must submit. I have learned in "whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." I am resigned and happy, awaiting the bidding of God. I sit in the shadows of life's evening, coveting nothing so much as a "pure heart and clean hands." The hardest thing I find to do, is to do nothing.

My interest in all the enterprises of the Church, and especially in its spiritual life, remains unabated; and I am trying to promote them.

I still hold the conviction which I stated to the Committee on Education last year, that a young man ought to be able to get all the education he needs for the highest eminence as a preacher, a writer, and a Biblical critic at the Ohio Wesleyan University; and therefore that glorious institution should have a well-endowed theological adjunct connected with it. I would like to join a hundred preachers of the same mind, who, by sheer self-denial, if need be, would save and give a thousand dollars each for that purpose in aid of our oncoming ministry. We owe this to our poor but promising boys, not one in fifty of whom is able after graduation to go a thousand miles east or west to finish his education, much less to Germany to lose his feather-edge.

I rejoice to see, from the admirable directory sent me, that you are

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to have preaching and spiritual services every afternoon. No Conference, I believe, has been more blessed with revivals in recent years, than the Cincinnati Conference, and I believe these revivals are traceable to the anointing received by preachers and people at these spiritual meetings, which we began in Hillsboro thirteen years ago.

I do not forget the kind action of the Conference towards me last year and in previous years. My residence is not permanently fixed where I now am. Beautiful Ohio has its unfading charms for me.

I am sorry I can not be present to enjoy the presidency and ministrations of Bishop Mallalieu, this being his first visit to our Conference. I like the Yankees, of whom Bishop Mallalieu is a fair sample, and accept many of their notions. You will find the bishop courteous and kind, but not destitute of granite.

I had thought of devising some way to effect a change of my relation from superannuate to effective; but the stewards are just about to make an appropriation to me as a superannuate. I think I will not ask any change just now.

I crave your prayers, that I may be justified, sanctified, and, finally, be glorified: and may each of you receive this threefold salvation!

Yours truly,

ASBURY LOWREY.

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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ Richard Whatcoat, . .	
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1810.	September 6,	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1,	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3,	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1817.	September 3,	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	John Tevis.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6,	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1822.	September 5,	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1823.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1824.	September 2,	Zanesville, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	James Collard.
			{ J. Soule,	
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1830.	September 8,	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8,	Mausfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ E. Hedding, . .	
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ B. Waugh,	
1844.	September 4,	Marietta, O.,	{ J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule,	
1845.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1,	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes, . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris, . .	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

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YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1, .	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7, .	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6, .	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5, .	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.,	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O.,	C. D. Foss,	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O.,	W. F. Mallalieu,	Stanley O. Royal.

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"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 23, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer James....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg.	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia....	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . . . .	...	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan,	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

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Charles R. Baldwin,	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie,	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, . .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., .	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones,	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., . .	60
Henry S. Farnandis,	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., . .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson,	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O., .	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lexington, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., . .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow,	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, . .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt,	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., . .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington,	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner,	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., . .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase,	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r. O.	36

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Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	28	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith,	1816	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley,	1845	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker,	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe,	1832	.....	1864	63
B. Brownmiller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. F. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	40	40
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott,	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer,	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman,	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland,	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson,	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger,	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble,	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn,	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller,	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector,	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner,	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh,	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell,	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher,	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
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There it was that Brother Quarry received his earliest religious impressions, and made his first attempt to offer prayer in public. There it was that he was informed by the class-leader of his conviction that he was or would be called into the ministry.

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One of these was William H. Quarry, a nephew of Brother Quarry, and now a leading member of the Irish Conference. Another was Thomas Lee, of our Cincinnati Conference, now deceased.

The earliest religious instruction of Brother Quarry was received in the Established (Episcopal) Church, in which he was baptized and confirmed. But he attributed the beginning of his real spiritual life, in great degree, to the influence and instrumentality of a pious mother. It was his own testimony that in childhood he "trusted in Christ, and received a conscious sense of his favor and inward peace."

In 1843, Brother Quarry received license to preach from a body of ministers; although he had what he called a "silent permit" to preach before that date. After the death of his father, in May, 1845, with his sister Kate he made the voyage to New York, and came on to Cincinnati, arriving there in July.

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Brother Quarry's mother, whose family were also Episcopalians, was Jane Shorten, and her home was at Pullerick. It was a home often visited by Wesley's preachers in the early days of Methodism; and his Grandfather Shorten, himself bore the name of the "Little Preacher."

There it was that Brother Quarry received his earliest religious impressions, and made his first attempt to offer prayer in public. There it was that he was informed by the class-leader of his conviction that he was or would be called into the ministry.

In his boyhood, Brother Quarry enjoyed the advantages of a common-school system of instruction, or its equivalent; and later on, when he became convinced of his call to preach the gospel, and desired further education, he was sent by his father to an institution of classical learning at Bandon, where, for eight years, he devoted himself to study and teaching. During his sojourn at Bandon, he organized a theological class, numbering sixteen students, of whom four afterward became preachers.

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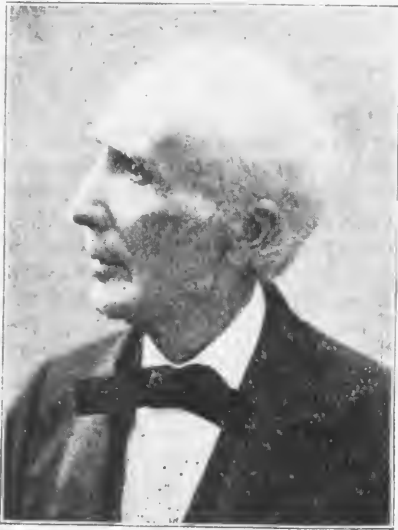
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It would take long to describe his work in the university. He came in the prime of his early manhood, and stayed until he completed a half-century of active service, and had reached the full tale of fourscore years. For a large part of this half-century of active service, he was senior professor, and for four years was acting president. During all this time his strength of body had not left him, and his mind was clear and his will was firm. But two years ago, when he had rounded out these fifty years of uninterrupted service, honored and venerated by all, he voluntarily resigned his post, that his services later might not become a burden to the college, which he so much loved. So faithful and successful a service in one unbroken tenure has had few parallels in any college, and its end brought with it the crown of congratulations and honors. Both Faculty and trustees received his sundering of these long associations with sorrow and with expressions of tenderest personal regard; yet with earnest hope that he might still, in the quiet evening of life, continue in another form his services to the university and the world, the Board continued his appointment as vice-president, and elected him to an emeritus professorship in the department he had so long filled.

But his strength, which had so long stood him in good stead, was waning to its end, and broke down almost immediately after the strain of his work was relaxed. Shortly after his resignation from his professorship in the university, he quite suddenly lost the sight of one eye, and was left with but dimmest vision in the other. This calamity, the saddest personal loss that can befall a literary man, ended the hopes which he and his friends had cherished of his completing the literary tasks that he had reserved for his declining years. Yet, though feeble and nearly blind, he was able to keep in touch with the outer world, and to visit his friends, and sometimes to attend Church services. Last February, while turning from the door of a friend, he had a severe fall, and was thereafter confined to his room, and mostly to his bed. A few weeks before his death he had an acute and alarming illness, which left him greatly prostrated and weakened. But his faculties remained clear, and his frame of mind was happy. The grace of God was with his servant, and made him to triumph amid all his sufferings. No word of murmuring passed his lips, but grateful utterances of his confidence in God and a longing for release. His dying-room was a holy, cheerful place. To a visitor he said: "You see there is no gloom here." To one of his sons he said: "I am not afraid of death. Jesus says, 'In my Father's house are many mansions;' and he does not say, I will send for you, but I will come for you." One evening, when the family were gathered about him, he said: "O, how happy I should be if I could know that I am to go to-night!" The last night of his life, he had an earnest desire to live till his nephew, Bishop McCabe, could arrive. He counted the days and the hours as they flew by, but the chariot waited not; and they will meet and greet each other in heaven.

Happy in his recollections and in his anticipations, firm in his faith, he patiently and longingly waited for the call of his Lord to enter into rest. He was ready when the call came at the third watch in the morning, June 18th, and, almost imperceptibly to the family who stood by his side, he peacefully slept in Jesus

MRS. ELIZABETH CHALFANT.

MRS. ELIZABETH CHALFANT, daughter of J. F. and Sarah Talley, was born in Batavia, Ohio, October 19, 1823, and died in Springdale, Ohio, November 10, 1896. She was married to Rev. James F. Chalfant, of the Cincinnati Conference, in 1845. She proved herself a loving companion and a faithful helper in the work of the Master. She shared with her husband the sunshine and shadows of the itinerancy until the retirement of Dr. Chalfant in 1872. The experiences of the ministry were precious jewels in the casket of memory. She delighted to speak of them, especially to give encouragement to younger members of the ministry. Dr. Chalfant died October 15, 1884, and Mrs. Chalfant continued to reside on the beautiful home farm near Springdale, Ohio, until her death. Her long life was fruitful of good works. During her last years her age and infirmities prevented her from active participation in the worship and work of the Church. On Saturday morning, October 24th, she was found lying on the floor of her room unconscious, suffering from cerebral hemorrhages and paralysis. She lingered for several days in this condition, broken only by a few lucid intervals. A few friends were recognized at times, but only for a moment. About a week before her death, Rev. Dr. D. H. Moore, a life-long friend, visited her. She recognized him. Said he: "Sister Chalfant, do you feel the Everlasting Arms about you?" "Yes, O yes!" she answered; "they are beneath me."

The summons came, and she was not, for God had taken her to enjoy a blessed reunion with the husband who had preceded her. Having no direct heirs,—and being especially interested in the welfare of the brethren of the Conference of which he had been a member,—Dr. Chalfant's desire was, that their fortune should go to the "Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference" at the death of his wife. Complying with this request, Sister Chalfant has left a large sum to this Society. Their earthly lives have ended, but they will still live, through their bequest, to give the helping hand in time of need.

Her remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in Spring Grove Cemetery.

GEORGE W. VORHIS.

MRS. CORA S. McNARY.

MRS. CORA S. McNARY, wife of J. H. McNary, of the Cincinnati Conference, died at her home, in Monroe, Ohio, December 10, 1896, after an illness of only two weeks. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, September 17, 1864, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Head, of Hillsboro. Her early life was spent at Carmel, Highland County, and the latter part of her school life in Hillsboro, where she graduated from the college in 1884. She was married to J. H. McNary, September 4, 1889, sharing for seven years the toils and responsibilities of the ministerial life. Their itinerant home was first in Fontana, and then in Greeley, in the South Kansas Conference; then in Blanchester and Monroe, in the Cincinnati Conference. Converted in early life, trained in a Christian home, every preparation had been afforded for the successful prosecution of the responsibilities of a minister's wife. Her inspired presence was a ceaseless benediction to her husband in his work, and to the Churches where they labored. Her direction of the Epworth League in Monroe had lifted it from a minor place to become one of the strongest factors in the Church. She was ever known as a tireless worker, whose heart was aflame with love for the good of others, and whose faith never wearied in the cause of her loved Master. She was specially happy when

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privileged to work among the poor and distressed, and seemed to know no lack in her enthusiasm when planning to lead the children to Christ. Mrs. McNary was a woman of rare ability, energy, and devotion; noble in nature, capable of sincere friendship, presenting ever to the world an example of true Christian womanhood. The influence of a life such as this can no more be confined to the home, nor even to the narrow circle of present association, than can the fragrance of a bed of roses be hemmed in by the line of its grassy border. She bore that sweet, beautiful attachment to her home and to the friends of years ago, that bespoke a nature constant in its Christian affection, sincere in its every attitude, and full of truest love. Being exposed in a storm, she was suddenly taken with a chill, resulting, despite the efforts of her physician, in a severe attack of pneumonia. She was at once taken to her home at Monroe, where skillful help was summoned, but to no purpose. Her thought turned toward her loved ones; and first calling them by name, in sustained utterance, she prayed God's blessing on her husband, her dear child of three years so soon to be left motherless, and committed them in her faith to the mercies of a kind Providence. Then she prayed for the various members of the family, for the young people of the Church, and then, in the eloquence of death's inspiring appeal, seemed to bring the world to the feet of the Redeemer. The remarkable prayer ended, she looked up as if gazing into the face of her Father, and said, "I rest;" then quietly sinking back upon her couch, waited in great peace the coming of the messenger of death.

The funeral services were begun at Monroe, under the direction of Dr. William Runyan, and completed the following day in the Hillsboro Methodist Church, under the direction of its pastor. The interment was made in the beautiful cemetery at Hillsboro. As the friends of her earlier years gathered in their sorrow to pay their last tribute to one they loved, the testimony was universal that a noble, pure, consecrated life had ended upon earth.

H. D. KETCHAM.

MRS. SARAH RAPER FYFFE.

SISTER FYFFE entered into rest from Batavia, Ohio, Saturday morning, January 9, 1897, at three o'clock, after a brief but severe illness. She was the daughter of Rev. William H. and Millicent Raper, and was born in Clermont County, Ohio, March 18, 1816. She became the wife of Rev. William H. Fyffe, July 9, 1835, at Urbana, Ohio, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Michael Marlay.

She lived a consistent Christian life from her fourteenth year, when she unreservedly gave her heart to the Master. Her testimony, given many a time in her ripe old age, was that the "religion of her Redeemer had been her support all through the journey of life, and now in old age it was the one thing that kept her up; for his everlasting arms were about her."

She knew something about the joys and hardships of a Methodist itinerant's life, being both the daughter and wife of a Methodist preacher. For years she was not able to go to Church because of feebleness. Some months before her death she said to her pastor, when asked in regard to her health, "I am never without pain." And yet no Methodist preacher on the charge in which she lived during her widowhood ever found a more pleasant and spiritual home in which to call. She never uttered a complaint, or gave visible sign of grief.

Her faith was bright and clear and constant. She had living faith, and was granted dying grace. She had no fondness for display, and requested that her funeral should be simple in its appointments, and in-

sisted that her pastor should use this text as the foundation of the funeral discourse: "She hath done what she could." She went to sleep as a babe might rest on its mother's breast.

GEORGE V. MORRIS.

MRS. SARAH A. FEE.

SARAH A. FEE was the daughter of Joseph R. Thomas, Esq., of Zanesville, Ohio, and was born in that city, December 3, 1825.

She was converted under the ministry of Rev. Robert O. Spencer in 1840, when but fifteen years of age. She was happily married to Rev. William I. Fee, November 24, 1846, a little more than fifty years ago.

When eighteen years old, she was strongly inclined to become a missionary, and would have entered upon that work if the way had been opened. But God had other plans for her, and a different though not less difficult work.

In 1845, Rev. William I. Fee was appointed to Putnam Station, in Zanesville, and became her pastor. Their meeting seemed to be providential. Her husband says: "The first day I entered the church where she was a member, and saw her face all aglow with heavenly inspiration, the impression was made upon my mind that some day she might share with me the toils and sorrows of an itinerant life. Her conversion had been sound and clear, and soon afterward she experienced the blessing of perfect love, which she retained and professed to the day of her death. She was a thoroughly consecrated woman, and well prepared for the difficult and delicate work of an itinerant preacher's wife."

In 1846 they were married, the officiating minister being the late Dr. John Miley. At the close of that pastorate, Brother Fee was appointed to Guyandotte, West Virginia, then a wilderness region, and at that time in the throes of the fierce anti-slavery agitation growing out of the division of the Church. From her luxurious home in Zanesville this brave young wife accompanied her husband to this dangerous and difficult field of labor, wrought cheerfully and heroically by his side, and was never, perhaps, in their long and varied life, happier in her work, or the means of greater good. Such was her devotion and such her power in singing, that her songs were taken up and sung all over that part of West Virginia.

Mrs. Fee's most notable work was done during her husband's pastorates in Cincinnati, extending over a period of twelve years. Here she was a central figure in humanitarian and mission work among the lowly and friendless, whom the priest and the Levite alike passed by. She was the first to introduce the memorable Woman's Temperance Crusade in that city, and was a recognized leader in the movement, being one of the forty ladies arrested and placed behind the bars in Hammond Street Station-house for holding services in front of the saloons.

Mrs. Fee was also active in the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of her Church, having served for seven years as president of the Conference Home Missionary Society.

On retiring from the pastorate, Dr. Fee engaged actively in the work of a Conference evangelist, his wife being his constant companion and helper. For this work she was peculiarly fitted by her unusual gifts of prayer and exhortation, and a voice of rare sweetness in sacred song.

Her last work was done at Felicity, Ohio, resulting in the conversion of a number of persons, and the general quickening of the Church. A night or two before the last service, she wakened her husband in the night, and said: "I am sorry to wake you, for you need sleep; but for two hours I have been thinking and praying that, if it be the Lord's will, you and I might die at the same time. It would be so lovely without any pain, without sorrow, without tears, to enter into the presence of Jesus. I just

thought that fifty years ago, when I was your bride, I took your arm, and we walked into the dining-room of my father's residence to our marriage supper, and how beautiful it would be if we could enter, arm in arm, into the marriage supper of the Lamb, and see Jesus and our children and other friends. I think that we will not live long, and I could not bear to have you go first. You will bear my death better than I could bear yours."

On Sabbath morning she said: "We must be up early, for we have a great deal to do to-day. It is the last day of our work here." In the afternoon she engaged in the general experience-meeting, where her experience, remarks, and prayers had a wonderful effect. She then formed a Missionary Band of twenty-two children, of which she said to her husband: "I have planted a little vine here that will flourish and grow and be fruitful long after I am dead and gone."

When the bell rang for the evening service, her husband said: "I fear that your labors have been so great to-day that it will not be safe for you to go; you had better rest." With surprise she said: "This is our last meeting, and you know I am appointed to deliver the closing address and to sing." He said: "I fear you can not sing 'I glory in the cross of Christ,' for in the midst of your labors you will forget some of it." "Forget it," she replied, "my soul is full of it now;" and then, laying her hand on her husband's shoulder, she said, lovingly: "My husband, have I not stood by you in all your revival work for the past fifty years?" He replied, "O, yes;" and then looking him full in the face, she said: "Do you think I will desert you now?" This was the last conversation she ever had with her husband.

At the close of the sermon, which was delivered by the pastor, Rev. E. T. Lane, she said in an undertone to her husband, "I suppose I must face the congregation," and she walked to the front, and in the most solemn and impressive manner addressed that crowded congregation. She began by saying: "This is our last meeting together. I shall never see you again. I shall never look upon your faces again in this world." She then made one of the most wonderful appeals to parents and teachers and ministers of the gospel and private individuals she was ever known to make in all her life. Closing, Mrs. Fee said: "I warn my friends, the young people of this Church of the awfulness of having a name to live while you are dead. I warn you against being formal Christians. I warn you of the danger of dying out of Christ, and shall warn my children and my friends until I die."

At the close of this address, she turned to her husband, and said in an undertone, "I suppose I must sing now." But before the song began she faltered, and, falling forward, sank upon her knees, and caught the chancel-rail. Two ministers present rushed to her assistance with her husband. Turning her eyes for the last time upon her husband, "she was not, for God took her."

And so, after a life of more than threescore years and ten, devoted from earliest childhood to the service of God, and crowded with noble deeds, a life radiant with holiness, and wholly consecrated to unselfish and tireless work, Mrs. Fee has entered upon the rest that remaineth for the people of God, leaving to us who knew and loved her an example of Christian piety as pure and beautiful and attractive as the annals of the modern Church afford. As we trace the gradual development of this rare life, and endeavor to ascertain the secret of its power, we find it, undoubtedly, in her entire consecration, intelligently made in the very beginning of her Christian course.

The funeral services were held in the Greene Street Church, Piqua, on Wednesday afternoon, February 10, 1897. A great congregation, which completely filled the auditorium, was present, and every one was a mourner. The pastors of the city were present in a body, and the services throughout were impressive and appropriate.

MRS. LOUISA ALEXANDER MORROW.

MRS. LOUISA ALEXANDER MORROW, venerable and beloved widow of the late Rev. William S. Morrow, of Cincinnati Conference, was born in Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio, January 11, 1811, and closed her notable life of eighty-six years, February 7, 1897, in the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Gross, in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Morrow was converted, and became a devoted follower of our Savior, under the ministry of Bishop John Emory, in 1831, and held an exemplary membership in the Church sixty-six years. She was married to Rev. W. S. Morrow, October 1, 1832, and joyfully did effective service as pastor's wife for a period of twenty-eight years, until, in 1860, she was left a widow. Mrs. Morrow was the worthy and affectionate mother of six children, but one of whom survives her, viz., Mrs. Gross, who has tenderly cared for the loved parent, in her own household, nearly all these thirty-eight years of sanctified widowhood. Sister Morrow was indeed a beautiful type of Christ-like character. With her, the sweet experience and practice of purity went hand in hand, and truly "this woman was full of good works." She is remembered as a much-loved and useful member of Christie Chapel, Cincinnati, for many years. She was greatly comforted by the pastor-like services of Rev. Mr. Matt, a near neighbor, during her later years. To her, more and more, and in phases of higher experiences, "Christ was all in all." Especially during the last four years of her great age, infirmities, and suffering, perfect resignation was the radiant crown of her beautiful character. To her daughter, grandchildren, and valued, loving friends around, she spoke loving words of sacred testimony, heavenly words of sublime triumph. Truly, for this aged saint, "to die was gain." When the last hour came, she was perfectly ready, and, breathing forth sweet and tender benedictions upon those who were to be bereft, she triumphantly entered the gates of gold.

T. COLLETT.

MRS. J. L. GREGG.

ELIZABETH F. BARBER was born near Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, October 16, 1831, and died in Manhattan, Kansas, April 18, 1897, aged sixty-five years. When she was thirteen years of age her mother died, leaving to her care an infant child and the rearing of a large family.

These arduous duties were taken up conscientiously, and performed to the great satisfaction of her father.

At eighteen she attended the academy in Felicity, where she fitted herself for teaching, to which work she gave five years. Her parents were Presbyterians, and she was converted under Rev. John Newton, in Moscow, Ohio, in her sixteenth year. In August of 1859 she was married to Rev. J. L. Gregg, of the Cincinnati Conference.

She was the mother of five children, two of whom survive; viz., Mrs. Dr. F. C. Gray, Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. G. P. Howard, of Topeka, Kansas.

During the last twelve years she made her home in Manhattan, Kansas, and because of physical disability she classed herself with the "Shut-in Society," and thus, in her own words, made her "plaint."

I'm weary of weeping, and fain would I rest
 This poor, weary head on my dear Savior's breast,
 And breathe out a life that's all burdened with care,
 And waft my tired soul to a pure region—where

No tears dim the vision, nor furrow the cheek;
 No grief swells the bosom, no heart-strings e'er break;
 No long, weary vigils, no torturing pain
 To rack the poor body and madden the brain.

The home of the soul hath attractions for me;
 Its beauties, its splendors I'm longing to see.
 I've three precious children who're waiting me there,
 I've brothers and sisters and parents so dear;
 How sweet it will be, when my sufferings are o'er,
 To meet with my darlings just gone on before!
 All hail, blessed day! Why tarry so long?
 My loved ones are calling, "Come, join in our song!"

On March 3, 1897, she was prostrated by la grippe, and for more than a month her sufferings were excruciating.

Her friends gathered about her couch to witness her last moments on earth, and the closing scene is thus described by her husband:

"As we watched with her, she requested us to sing, 'Let me go where saints are going,' and 'The home of the soul.' She then asked us to unite with her in praying for a painless and peaceful passage across the river. Finally, on the morning of the 8th of April, 1897, the all-satisfying answer came, and a new person was in our presence. All pain and misery were gone, and instead thereof was a calm and holy triumph beyond the power of man to describe.

"Her hearing returned, and she could hear the slightest whisper. She said: 'Sing that favorite hymn softly. I can hear it.' Think of it—mind clear, hearing restored, painless, serene, and beautiful.

"I said, 'Friends, this, to her, is "the dawn of eternal day;" but to us a sublime remembrance forever!"

"In this delightful condition she continued for a little while with her friends on this side of the river, and then departed to be with Christ, which is far better."

MRS. JULIA W. CURRY.

MRS. JULIA W. CURRY, daughter of Lawrence S. and Eliza M. Wicker, was born in Cincinnati, July 20, 1829. While yet a small child she removed, with her parents, to New York City, where, at the age of nine years, she was converted at the altar of old John Street Church, and became active in early life as a Church and temperance worker. She was married, in 1845, to Erastus K. Van Duzen, of Newport, Ky., and was left a widow in 1857.

In 1861 she became the wife of Rev. H. M. Curry, presiding elder in Maysville District, Kentucky Conference, a royal, loyal Methodist preacher.

At the close of the war he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, where he served faithfully in the pastorate. In all of his charges Sister Curry organized and maintained a ladies' prayer-meeting, led class, and taught in the Sunday-school.

In the year 1871, at the National Camp-meeting, Urbana, after that wonderful sermon on "Be filled with the Spirit," by the seraphic Alfred Cookman, she entered into entire sanctification, and became an earnest advocate and helpful teacher of the experience.

Brother Curry was called home in 1874, and Sister Curry lived at Lebanon, Ohio, where she opened her home to the students of the normal

school and others, holding regular meetings there for over fifteen years, in which hundreds were converted and sanctified.

Sister Curry was a great sufferer, yet through all these years she conducted a large correspondence with many of those saved in her meetings.

After moving to Delaware, Ohio, in 1894, successful meetings were conducted in her home.

On Sunday afternoon, April 25th, while enduring intense suffering, she said to her children, "This means death, but victory!" At about ten o'clock that night she called to them, "Jesus is passing by," and then added, "Come quick, Jesus! I am all ready." This was her last testimony. Before the morning dawn, she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Her influence lives, reaching far out beyond the little circle of her home.

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All members of the Conference are members of the Society, and entitled to vote for the election of directors each year.

During the past year the Society has received:

1. "The History of Asbury Church, Cincinnati," from Mr. John W. Dale.
2. A large box of letters, papers, and other historical matter left by Rev. J. F. Chalfant, D. D., from Rev. George Vorhis.
3. Manuscript Minutes of the old Ohio Conference for sessions of 1819, in Cincinnati, and of 1822, in Urbana, from Mrs. John Shinn, of Marysville, Ohio.
4. "Life of Bishop Asbury," by Dr. Lowrey. Reprint of Volume VI, American Society of Church History.

NOTICE.

The Historical Society of Cincinnati Conference intend, as soon as the monetary conditions will justify, to publish a book containing an appreciative and discriminating paper, by Dr. Asbury Lowrey, on Bishop Asbury, and to that it is designed to publish a paper on Bishop Asbury and the early Ohio Conferences. In the meantime, the Conference authorized the sketches which follow this notice. The memoir of Dr. J. L. Grover is historic, making this a historic issue of the Cincinnati Conference Minutes.

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FRANCIS ASBURY—PERSONAL REMINISCENCES.

BY THOMAS H. PEARNE, D. D.

My father's library, during my boyhood, contained the standard Methodist books—Wesley, Watson, Fletcher, and especially Asbury's Journal. The last, and Wesley's Journal were eagerly devoured by me for the adventures they recorded. No work of fiction ever so absorbed me, nor was equally interesting to me, as these Journals. Asbury's Journal filled me with the highest admiration for the first American bishop, and his marvelous heroism as a pioneer. I often wondered whether I should ever, in any considerable measure, equal his privations and the adventurous incidents through which he so bravely and cheerfully passed. And yet I myself have been in perils of waters and perils of robbers as exciting as those he records.

In my five years of itinerant labor in East Tennessee, I have preached and held quarterly-meetings at the eastern base of the Cumberland Mountains, at a place called Bean Station, where Mr. Asbury and his comrades were accustomed to wait until a sufficient number of travelers would gather to enable them safely to cross the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky. The legends of his sojourns at the station were current when I traveled the Knoxville District, in 1865 and later.

When, in my early teens, I became a traveling minister, sixty years ago, I listened to the folk-lore of the elder Methodists in my charges about the movements of the earlier leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But I was always specially attentive to those which related to the grandest hero of them all. I record in this paper two legends of the pioneer bishop, which have never been published. In 1847, 1848, and 1849, I traveled the first of those years the Wyoming Circuit in Pennsylvania, and the last two in Wilkesbarre. Wyoming Circuit included all the west side of the classic American ground, called the Wyoming Valley, which the pen of Campbell has immortalized in his "Gertrude of Wyoming." On the circuit, near New Troy as it was then called—Wyoming as more recently known—lived the widow Elizabeth Denison, a lady of more than fourscore years, who still retained her mental powers in full vigor. She was a daughter-in-law of Colonel Nathan Denison, a colonel in the Revolutionary army, detailed at the time of the Wyoming massacre in the Wyoming Valley. July 3, 1783, Colonel Denison and Colonel Zebulon Butler led the forces of the volunteers out from Forty Fort, near the middle of the valley north and south, to the bloody holocaust which overtook them, as the result of an ambuscade, into which they were decoyed by the apparent retreating of the Indian and English troops, until those enemies had surrounded them and slain them in cold blood. Of two hundred and thirty persons, mostly boys and young men, and quite old men in that forward movement, one hundred and seventy were slain. Only fifty escaped. Mrs. Denison, who was a member of my Church in New Troy, and who was a girl of only eight years when the massacre occurred, would narrate to me the thrilling events of those perilous times. The monument commemorating those scenes stands just below New Troy. Among other incidents, she related to me the particulars of a prolonged visit to her home, made by Bishops Asbury and McKendree. She was at the time a young bride, having married the son of Colonel Denison. The two bishops had called there for a stay of some days.

Asbury's Journal records three visits which he made to Wyoming. The first one he mentions, occurred July 2, 4, 7, 1793. He makes these notes on that visit:

"July 2—After preaching at Sunbury, June 28th, on 'The Grace of
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God, which appeareth unto all men,' we wrought up the hills and narrows to Wyoming. We stopped at a poor house; nevertheless, they were rich enough to sell us a bushel of oats; and they had sense enough to make us pay well for them. We reached Mr. P.'s at about eleven o'clock P. M. I found riding in the night caused a return of my rheumatic complaint through my breast and shoulders. But all is well. The Lord is with us."

"Thursday, 4th—Being the anniversary of the American Independence, there was a great noise among the sinners. A few of us went down to Shawanee (Plymouth), called a few people together from their work, and found it good to be there."

"Sunday, July 7th—The Lord has spoken in awful peals of thunder. O what havoc was made there fifteen years ago! (This was obviously a mistake, or a slip of the pen, for the scene to which he refers was the Wyoming massacre of July 3, 1783, ten years before.) Most of the inhabitants were either cut off or driven away. The people might have clothed themselves in sackcloth and ashes on the 3d, if in white and glory on the 4th of July. The inhabitants here are very wicked, but I feel as though the Lord would return."

The bishop must have staid in the valley until the 8th, when he started up the Lackawana over the twelve-mile swamp. On this trip he must have traveled alone, as there is no account of his having had a traveling companion until later in life.

The second visit he made to Wyoming was July 17, 1807. He says in his entry of that date: "Once more I am in Wyoming. We have wearied through, and clambered over, one hundred miles of the rough roads of wild Susquehanna! O the precipitous banks, wedging narrows, rocks, sidelong hills, obstructed paths and fords—scarcely fordable—roots, stumps, and gullies." Two days later he speaks of ordaining Thomas and Christian Bowman, who were probably ancestral relations of our venerable senior bishop, who was born and reared near Berwick on the Susquehanna, twenty miles below Wyoming Valley. The next visit to Wyoming which he mentions, is in 1812:

"August 4th—We arrived at Father Bidlack's, and went forward to Wilkesbarre. (Father Bidlack was a Revolutionary soldier and a Methodist traveling preacher, who lived across the river from Wilkesbarre, at Kingston, and a mile distant.) The court was sitting, and a sermon was expected. My subject was, 'Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.' They gave me the court-room.

"August 5th—We came along down by the turnpike, and rough enough we found it. Farewell to Merwines. I lodge no more there, Whisky-hell, as most of the taverns here are. . . . We lodge with George Custer, Wyoming."

"Friday, 7th—I am still. I abstain. In the evening we had an assemblage of people, and Brother Boehm spoke to them in German."

Henry Boehm was at this time Bishop Asbury's traveling companion. He was nearly one hundred years old, erect and well preserved when I last saw him. He was present at the dedication of the Metropolitan Church in Washington in the sixties, and took part in the services—pronounced the benediction or offered a prayer.

It is quite evident that neither of these three visits to Wyoming was the one detailed to me by Mrs. Denison, because Bishop McKendree was not with Bishop Asbury at either of these visits, and this is apparent from the journal of the bishop. Asbury was less regular and careful in his Journal as he approached the end of life, and he may have been too feeble to journalize that last visit, which must have been made between 1812 and 1815, the year in which he died.

Mrs. Denison said to me that Bishop Asbury was smaller in stature than Bishop McKendree, that he was a great sufferer from the infirmities of age, and from his lifelong infirmity, the rheumatism. He was neither petulant nor brusque; yet he was somewhat abstract, taciturn, and re-

served. He seemed at that time to live apart, and to commune with himself. Bishop McKendree was gentle, affable, and free in his conversation, and very full of wisdom and instruction in his communications. Bishop Asbury was thin and weak from his long and severe journeyings and from his great sufferings. Bishop McKendree was of full habit, apparently in perfect health, exceedingly approachable, putting his associates completely at their ease. He was well informed; a good converser, drawing those in his company to himself by an irresistible fascination of manners, and by a most magnetic personality.

Colonel Denison, who, at the time of the visit of these two bishops, was himself well stricken in years, was greatly charmed and delighted with Bishop McKendree. He said that the bishop was so well posted in all matters that he would elicit admiration in any official public position he might have held. "Indeed," said the colonel to Mrs. Denison, "Bishop McKendree is well-fitted to have been a United States senator. He would have graced the position."

Mrs. Denison said to me that Bishop Asbury impressed all who saw him, as being a very devout, earnest, and godly man, who walked in close fellowship with God.

Bishops Asbury and McKendree were scarcely ever absent from the Annual Conferences. I read of but two instances in the West where the Conference was presided over by any one but the bishops. William Burke once presided in the absence of both the bishops. In the Ohio Conference, which met in Cincinnati in 1814, both the bishops, Asbury and McKendree, were present. But Asbury was too ill to preside, and McKendree had been injured by a fall from his horse, and John Sale was appointed by the bishops to preside. In his Journal, Asbury says:

"Monday, 5th (September)—I made an attempt to speak a few words from Philippians ii, 2-5. We have progressed in our business very well, though deprived of the presence of the bishops to preside. . . . John Sale presided with great propriety. John Sale finished the plan of the stations from a general draft I furnished him. We closed our labors in peace. One thing I remark, our Conferences are now out of their infancy. Their rulers can now be called from among themselves. . . ."

In 1865-66-67-68, I was presiding elder on the Knoxville District in East Tennessee. During this term I learned several incidents about Bishop Asbury from those who had been eye and ear witnesses of the events described. I give but one of them, as this gives a good, general idea of the bishop's habit in his annual tours over the continent, always by private conveyance, and always sharing the hospitality of the pioneers, which was accorded to him with a regal largeness, freedom, and munificence. On one of my tours near Dandridge I formed the acquaintance of a gentleman who lived there, and who was then a person of seventy years or more. He said that one morning when he was quite a young man, he was going out through the gate, which opened into his father's extensive estate, and upon which his father was yet living, when he met an aged man who had just driven up to the gate in a light carriage. The stranger informed him that he was Bishop Asbury, and he was just about driving in to spend the day and night with the young man's father. The bishop inquired whether the young man's father still lived there, and, learning that he did, the bishop said: "Then I will go in, and stay with him for the day and night." A young man accompanied the bishop, whose name I have forgotten, said my informant. This young man was John Wesley Bond, father of the distinguished Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Bond, who, at a later period, was editor of the Christian Advocate, New York. My informant said: "I went back with them. It was arranged to have preaching at our house that evening. I was sent out through the neighborhood to give notice of the meeting, and to invite the neighbors to attend it. A large number of people assembled. The young man preached. Mr. Asbury had retired. The bed was curtained in the old-

fashioned way, with high curtains and a canopy. At the close of the sermon, the bishop said: 'Please draw the curtains.' The bishop sat up in the bed, and talked at some length with much freedom, pathos, and power. 'The people,' said he, 'are hungry for the Word of God. It should be dealt out to them in plain, simple, and loving speech. The gospel needs no flowers of rhetoric, no word-drapery. It is God's message of love and peace to a fallen world and to a perishing race. The message should be direct, clear, urgent.' He then exhorted the people in a most tender, pathetic, urgent manner to seek God, and to prepare for eternity. 'This,' said he, 'is probably the last time I shall ever be with you on earth. O, will you not be entreated to be reconciled to God? Shall we sit down together in the kingdom of God, to go out no more forever?' There was a general time of weeping and shouting. All seemed deeply affected by the kindly, tender, persuasive words of the bishop." This was his last visit in that State. In the following March he passed through the gates into the everlasting city of God. This visit is recorded in Asbury's Journal. It occurred in October, 1814, and it is thus related in two or three lines: "Monday, 17th—We came rapidly through Dan-dridge to William Turnley's. Here are kind words. I was sick, and soon in bed; but John Bond preached for them."

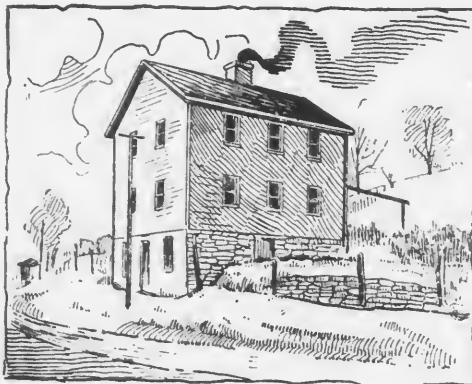
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At a day not distant, the Society hopes to be able to publish a volume of new matter respecting Bishop Asbury and the early Western Conferences held in Ohio, together with sketches of some of the members of those Conferences. Until then, this mode of publication is employed.

MERRICK KETCHAM, *Secretary*. THOMAS H. PEARNE, *President*.

Richard Goodwin, a relative of my father, was a local preacher, living at Goodwin's Point, Cayuga Lake, New York. He was elected to elder's orders, probably, at some Conference, when he could not be present. He afterwards met Bishop Asbury on the road somewhere. The facts being made known to him, Bishop Asbury dismounted and ordained him an elder, under a tree. Whether there were three elders, or none, to lay hands on the head of Goodwin, with the Bishop's, I am not informed. The stream of apostolic succession doubtless forms many eddies as it comes down to us from Wesley and Asbury. A LOWREY.

P. S.—Richard Goodwin was the father of the Rev. William H. Goodwin, D. D., of East Genesee Conference, of whom, perhaps, you have some knowledge.



CHURCH OCCUPIED FROM 1818 TO 1835.

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The Methodist Episcopal Church of Milford celebrated the centennial of the organization of the original class at that place during the month of August, 1897.

We present here a picture of one of the earlier buildings used by this Church as a place of worship. The full report of the historical celebration, and the history of the church, will be placed in the custody of the Conference Historical Society.